



• **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!** - Saturday, October 31st



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## Halloween Fun Includes All Ages



by Kathy Shepard  
AAN Feature Writer

Webster's dictionary defines the word "hallow" as "to honor, revere." October 31st, Halloween, is the eve of All Saints' Day, "celebrated especially by children."

Define children as a group of people who love fun and play coupled with common sense and safety, and practically the entire population of Agawam will be participating.

1998 Fall Fun brought the Agawam Public Library's season to a close on October 24th with Halloween Scene. Seasonal stories and crafts didn't scare children but taught them ways to scare each other just for fun. This was for kids aged four and older. Tuesday, October 27th offered Autumn Adventures, especially for preschoolers and their families, exploring fun in falling leaves, pumpkin patches, and "other harvest happenings." Stories and an art project rounded out the evening.

October 30th happens to be a Friday, and Agawam's elementary schools offer their own unique plans for Halloween. **Robinson Park School** is leaving the choice of activities up to the individual classroom teachers, while at **Benjamin Phelps School**, "Pumpkin Day" will take place. This entails the wearing of orange clothing or a pumpkin accessory on Friday. Each classroom might have plans, too, according to the teacher's discretion.

The **James Clark School** will host a Friday afternoon event whereby members of the PTO and some volunteer parents will dress up and distribute "goodie bags." Family and PTO members donate candy for these goodie bags.

**Granger School** participates in "KIDS KORNER" in *The Advertiser News* Halloween issue. Two classrooms are submitting their literary creations: Grade 1, Nancy Burns, Room 22, and Grade 2, Sharon Gendron, Room 16. The kindergarten

parades in the morning and afternoon take place inside the school building, and at 12:30 p.m., the third- and fourth-graders will go outside to see the first- and second-graders parade for them, in costume.

At the **Agawam Middle School**, the PTO will hold a collection for UNICEF by placing collection boxes in the classrooms, where the students can make donations. Students are asked to dress for Halloween on October 30th, and the PTO stresses that they choose "appropriate" costumes. The PTO will dress in "very clever character outfits" and they will give out treats.

At **Agawam High School**, Halloween is a dress-up day and there will be awards for the best or funniest costume and other superlative honors. Lin-

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## "Halloween Season" Fun At Fini's...



TO GET INTO THE "SPIRIT" OF HALLOWEEN, local boys and "ghouls" (uh, girls!) from Perry Lane Nursery School recently enjoyed the "Great Pumpkin Adventure" at Fini's Plant Farm, 217 James Street, Feeding Hills. The "Adventure" will end, appropriately enough, this Saturday — Halloween, October 31st!!! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**HALLOWEEN - from Page 1...**

da Sasso, Peer Leadership Coordinator, credits the Senior Peer Leaders for their commitment to raise money for a different organization or charity every year.

The Peer Leaders, students **Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz, Paul LaBarre, Joni Brodeur, Sara Stevenson, and Jen Loomis** will handle the collection, destined this year for the Springfield Shriners Hospital. These Senior Peer Leaders will go around to the homerooms to raise the money. Local coverage on television last year for their donation to the Ronald McDonald House highlighted this commendable and sensitive practice.

Fun does not come without attention to safety, and there are suggestions to reduce risk during Trick or Treat outings. Agawam's Safety Officer Sergeant Steven Draghetti offers some thoughts for safer Trick or Treat excursions, asking motorists to use more caution than usual on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"Costumes may not be visible in the dusk or dark, so drivers are asked to reduce speed, especially in residential areas and near parked cars, and when turning right on red," Draghetti suggests.

The soujourners might bring flashlights or glow sticks, or parents can place reflective tape on the costumes to improve visibility. Light-colored outfits are more easily noticed. Enlarging eye holes on face masks is a way to improve vision, and face paint or make-up might work instead.

Parents should also inspect the costumes to

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make certain no material is hindering movement or could create a fall. Draghetti advises to "trick or treat in places that are familiar, not in strange neighborhoods."

Parents should accompany children whenever possible and instruct the youngsters not to eat any candy before inspecting it. "If wrappers or seals have been broken, throw the candy away," says Draghetti. Agawam has had a good safety record, but it is better to err on the side of caution.

Halloween promises to include merriment at the **Agawam Senior Center**. The fun started Monday, October 26th with a visit from Hilda the Witch. Thursday's Halloween Costume Party from 12:00-1:00 p.m. provided a contest for prettiest, ugliest, funniest, and most unusual. Prizes were Friendly Restaurant gift certificates. There was entertainment by Kevin Bell for this final fling of October.

**Joan Linnehan**, coordinating this event, said, "We had a successful Halloween Party last year and we're hoping to do the same this year for the 'big kids' in our town."

Several local churches, venues, and social groups are also planning Halloween events, so no one needs be left out of the fun.

Within the boundaries of safety and common sense, Halloween promises plenty of enjoyment, entertainment, and opportunities to share joy with others. It might be said that an ounce of prevention is worth ... a bagful of candy, a barrel of laughs, and a pound of cure.

It seems that no one ever outgrows Halloween - at least not here in our town!

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### Be Sure To Change The Battery In Your Smoke Detector

Each year, approximately 500,000 home fires occur in the U.S. ... resulting in 6,000 deaths and over 100,000 serious injuries. Most of these tragedies could be avoided if smoke detectors were maintained properly. The main problem is missing or dead batteries.

As we go into the high fire season, the Agawam Fire Department urges you to change the battery in your smoke detector. A working smoke detector alerts you and your family during the early stages of a fire while you have time to make a safe exit.

So, for proper fire safety in your home, be sure to carry out this all-important and life-saving task.

From The Agawam Police Department...

## Motorists Urged To Be Aware Of Young "Trick-Or-Treaters"

Halloween is a special time for children and a time for motorists to use extra caution.

Visibility is a problem for both motorists and children. It's difficult for motorists to see children in the dark and some children's trick-or-treating costumes contribute to a lack of visibility.

In their excitement, children may enter the street without looking or may dart out from between parked cars. Drivers should reduce their speed and use extra caution when making right turns on red. As soon as it is dusk, motorists should use their headlights.

Parents should examine their child's costume before they go out trick-or-treating. The mask should be checked to make sure it does not obstruct the child's visibility. If necessary, enlarge the eye holes. If the mask is still a problem, have the child lift the mask up when walking or crossing the street.

Parents should check the child's costume to make sure it's easy to walk in and does not hinder the child's movement. The child's costume should be a light colored material for better visibility. To increase your child's visibility to motorists, reflective tape can be added to the costume or consider clipping on a few glow sticks.

While out trick-or-treating, parents should accompany young children. If the youths are older, they should go out while it is still light out. Plan the route ahead of time with your child and have them stay in areas where the people are known to you. If they are out after dark, children should stay on well-lit streets. Flashlights should be used by the parents or children at night.

Parents should inspect their child's candy and treats before allowing your child to eat them. If there are any signs of unsealed, ripped, or tampered wrappers, the candy should be thrown out.

The Agawam Police Department would like everyone to have a safe and fun Halloween.

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## Guest Editorial...

## CCBA Acts In Best Interest Of Town

by Karl Stieg, Spokesperson  
Concerned Citizens & Businesses of Agawam

In last week's *Advertiser News*, Councilor George Bitzas wrote a guest editorial criticizing the City Council and many of Agawam's citizens because they opposed the storage of oil in Agawam.

In the same editorial, Councilor Bitzas used the superlative "excellent" several times in his support for the storage of a half-million gallons of oil. Fortunately, in keeping with the best interest of Agawam, an overwhelming majority of the council disagreed with Councilor Bitzas and voted against the storage of such a large quantity of oil.

Perhaps, Councilor, you should ask yourself the following questions:

1) What opportunity, as you call it, did Agawam miss by refusing to store oil within its boundaries? 2) What benefit will the citizens of our community derive by allowing Berkshire Power to store so much oil?

In fairness to your logic, Councilor Bitzas, it's obvious you must have a clear conscience because it is not cluttered by the facts. Fact is, there is no benefit at all in burning oil instead of gas. If you don't believe us, ask the EPA or your "good neighbor," Berkshire Power. Both have stated such.

As a matter of fact, other power developers, such as Bellingham and Milford, who are truly concerned about the environment and the citizens in the vicinity of these plants, have chosen to burn natural gas exclusively.

Berkshire Power has proven time and again they cannot be trusted or believed and agreements mean nothing to them once they get what they want. Councilor Bitzas, are you going to

deny that Berkshire Power has not broken many of the conditions they agreed to with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the state?

May we remind you about the evacuation plan they tried to forget about until we forced them to produce one? We're still waiting for the amended and more accurate plan. May we also remind you about the time they had 25 concrete trucks making deliveries at three o'clock in the morning?

How about the depreciation in property values? Shall we continue listing the numerous times they have broken promises, gave misleading testimony, and violated conditions? As in the past, Councilor, it appears you are willing to take them at their word. We think that's pathetic in light of their past behavior.

You also say in your editorial Berkshire Power will get their oil storage permit anyway. Shamefully, Councilor Bitzas, it is that exact type of rhetoric and defeatist attitude that contributed to causing many citizens and businesses to cave in to Berkshire Power.

Because of elected officials like you, these people no longer had any hope, yet you had the audacity to criticize these good people for what they did. Even worse, you overlooked the intimidation tactics that were used to force these people into submission.

Isn't it ironic you suggest, to be able to put the town back together for the sake of taxes, the opposition should rally together with Berkshire Power and move the town forward? May we remind you, if you had it your way two years ago, we

would have an \$800,000 in-lieu-of-tax agreement with no protection whatsoever for the town. It's a good thing we didn't rally together with you and Berkshire Power two years ago because we would have lost approximately \$80 million over the next 40 years.

We have a couple of quotes, with questions, from the last paragraph of your recent editorial. First, you stated, "I supported the CLEAN GAS POWER PLANT from the beginning like most of you for the benefits it will bring all of us."

Is this statement a contradiction of fact for anyone who supports the burning of oil? Secondly, you wrote, "I believe and I hope the power plant will deliver what they have promised to the people of Agawam." Is that a Freudian slip? You "hope" they will deliver on their promises? That has to be the most discouraging statement in your entire editorial.

The thrust of your editorial revolves around money. There is more to the well-being of our community than money. Would you have supported Berkshire Power if they didn't offer the town money? How can you, in good conscience, ask the people who are still being sued by Berkshire Power to embrace them and move forward side-by-side with them?

In closing, this editorial response will be a success if its readers are left with the thought that someone has to keep an eye on what Berkshire Power and others do, because there are some elected officials who choose to look the other way.



## Letters To The Editor

## An Honors Program At AHS Is A Long Overdue Idea

## To The Editor:

I am writing in response to the article that appeared in the October 22nd issue of the *Union News* regarding the proposal by some teachers at the High School to initiate an Honors Program.

I think this is a wonderful idea that is long overdue. I disagree with the statement that this would bring back "tracking" to the school. Most colleges have Honors Programs and tracking certainly does not exist in the college setting.

Conversely, most, if not all, colleges place tremendous merit on the quality and difficulty of courses taken at the high school level. Why, then, with the elimination of high ability courses due to the new state regulations, would a school committee reject an attempt to give students who strive to do well recognition for their efforts and make it difficult for these students to present themselves as students who accept challenges to colleges to which they wish to apply?

It is well-known that colleges are placing more and more emphasis on the quality of courses that a student has taken as well as personal attributes that are projected through the type of activities that a student participates in as well as quality of character that comes through in the college essay rather than the SAT scores that a student is able to attain.

Ms. Cheryl Gregory  
Agawam

## Riverside Has No Respect For Patrons &amp; Complaints

## To The Editor:

If you are planning to visit Riverside Park's Hallowstream event - BEWARE!!!

Riverside Park's newspaper ads and TV and radio announcements build up this big hype about their Hallowstream weekends when basically it's a "Dead Park."

We found several attractions were closed due to a lack of ride operators. You also need "special tickets" to go on the Haunted Hayride and

through Hell's Half-Acre, which is not advertised. These tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis and if you come later in the evening, you stand a very good chance of not receiving any of these tickets.

Because we had our son and his friend with us, we got a ticket for the Haunted Hayride because my son knew where to get the special tickets and we were there early enough. Later that night when we went to Hell's Half-Acre, we were told there were no tickets left for this attraction. It was only 8:15 p.m. and the park was open until 11:00 p.m.

There was a very long line at the Haunted House, so we decided to ride the ferris wheel. There was another line there because they were running the ride with only eight cars out of 40! We were told they had to keep the ride balanced. What a farce! Thirty-two empty cars and another line!!

My husband and I went to Guest Services to complain and soon after, 10 to 20 other people came to complain, also, about being misinformed about the rides and the special tickets no one could get. Many of these people were from out of the area and felt they were cheated out of their money because they weren't informed about the special tickets when they called for information regarding the Hallowstream special hours and events.

We all wanted refunds, but, of course, the park has a no-refund policy. There was no manager to be found when we asked to see one, only young kids who answered our complaints with what seemed to be rehearsed answers. They treated everyone with an "Oh, well, too bad" attitude.

I guess that's what happens when a small local

business goes corporate. We are very disgusted with Riverside and all it claims to be. It is nothing but a big joke and has no respect for its guests and their legitimate complaints.

Very Unhappy Guests,  
Pat & Jim Reveruzzi  
Agawam

## AARP Says Voters Should Be Aware Of The Facts

## To The Editor:

It's a fact: older Americans vote in greater proportion than any other age group. And, during this election year, older voters will once again make a significant impact in elections being held at the national, state, and local levels.

As we prepare to go to the polls on November 3rd, I urge each of you to arm yourselves with the facts on issues that impact your lives, and the lives of your children and grandchildren. We need to know where the candidates stand on issues, including Social Security, Medicare, and Managed Care. Does a candidate support or oppose increasing taxes on Social Security benefits; changing the age when a person becomes eligible for Medicare; or enacting a Managed Care Patients' Bill of Rights?

AARP believes elections should center on issues. As the state coordinator of AARP's non-partisan voter education project, AARP/VOTE, I

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encourage you to take a hard look at where the candidates stand on the issues, and to use this information in making your voting decisions.

How our elected officials act on the issues this year and next will affect us and our families. Former President Dwight Eisenhower said, "Politics should be the part-time profession of every citizen." Democracy is too precious to neglect. Get involved. Stay informed. Vote on November 3rd.

Sincerely,  
Louis Pare

AARP/VOTE Massachusetts State Coordinator

## Berkshire Commissioner Supports Abe Kasparian

To The Editor:

Dear Voters Of Western Massachusetts:

As a Berkshire County Commissioner for the past two years, I have come to know Abraham Kasparian, Jr., a former Hampden County Commissioner.

Abe not only worked within Hampden County, but he reached out to work with Berkshire County and other counties of our Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Association of County Commissioners.

Abe Kasparian, Jr. impressed me with his genuine concern for the people and his strong work ethic. His approach to government has always stressed the basic importance of our citizens. He epitomizes the foundation of our government process: of the people ... by the people ... and for the people.

Abe Kasparian, Jr. has my full support for his election to a seat on the Governor's Council. Abe is hard-working and committed to positive community advancement, and I ask you to give your fullest consideration to Abraham Kasparian, Jr. for Governor's Council.

Sincerely,  
Robert H. Melle  
Berkshire County Commissioner

## Rep. Keenen Appreciates Support For Re-Election

To The Editor:  
Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the support you have given me during the past four years, and also for your commitment to the community in which we live.

I have been fortunate to have met so many of you who share my concerns and belief in our com-

munity's commitment to education, safety, and the well-being of all who live here. We truly have a quality of life which is worth protecting.

This is the reason I am asking for your support to continue as your State Representative. I have seen us work together to make this a place we are proud to call home, and I will be honored to continue to represent the common values we share.

I love my job, and look forward to continuing to be your representative in Boston. I am seeking re-election on November 3rd, and ask for your support.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Daniel F. Keenan  
State Representative  
Third Hampden District

## 4th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament A Success

To The Editor:

On behalf of the student-athletes of Agawam High School, I wish to thank the many individuals and businesses who helped us to reach our goal for this year's tournament; \$17,320 was raised! This money will be used to build a new press box at Harmon Smith Field on the campus of Agawam High School.

The tournament was sold out once again this year. Ron Dunn and his staff at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course had the course in excellent shape. Furthermore, the food and services provided were terrific.

The Berkshire Power Golf Tournament, to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Department, keeps getting better and bigger each year. Once again, thank you to all the golfers, hole sponsors, corporate sponsors, volunteers, raffle gift donors, and staff of Berkshire Power for making this such a fun and beneficial event.

Your continued support of the Agawam High School Athletic Department is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen E. McSweeney  
Director of Athletics, Health,  
and Physical Education

## Harshbarger Is The Better Candidate For Governor

To The Editor:

After watching the recent gubernatorial debate between Scott Harshbarger and Paul Cellucci, it should be apparent to all that Scott Harshbarger is by far the better candidate to lead our state forward into the next millennium.

Our economy, education, crime, and the environment are of the utmost importance, and we must entrust them to the person best able to achieve positive results in these areas for us and for our children and grandchildren. I hope all voters will join with me in voting for Mr. Harshbarger for Governor on Election Day.

And to those members of the Democratic Committee who have taken issue with Mr. Harshbarger over the power plant, I hope you will carefully consider your choices on Election Day and vote for Scott and the other Democratic candidates. You owe it to the state and most of all, to the Democrats who elected you.

Sincerely,  
Ernestine Book  
Agawam

## Jr. Women Say Thanks For Supporting Fundraiser

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all of the following people for their donations of either time or materials for our Scarecrow fundraiser:

Fini's Plant Farm, Dave & Dan Shaw, Linda Longhi, Jim, Chris, & Helen Graveline, Christina Jack, Mark & Caroline Lieberman, Austin Woodard, Mike Roy, Rocky's Hardware, Dennis Crowley, Mr. & Mrs. Kielbasa from Westfield, Paul Vershan, Jim from Southgate Liquors, and all of you who came out in the rain to help support this worthy cause.

Thanks to all of you, it was a fun and profitable project.

Proceeds from this fundraiser are being put towards the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to this fund, please make your check out to the Agawam Helmet Fund and mail to Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

Agawam Junior Women's Club

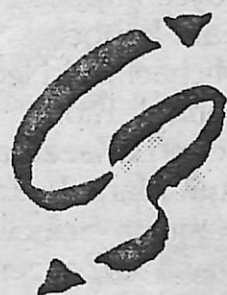
## 1998 Soccer Jamboree Was A Successful Endeavor

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, we'd like to thank everyone who participated in the 1998 Soccer Jamboree held October 3rd and 4th at the Agawam Junior High School.

Some really great games were played. We also had wonderful weather, which contributed to healthy sales at the food booth we sponsored.

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Thanks to all who brought canned goods, etc. to our booth. We received a tremendous response. These items will be included in our Holiday Baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas for families who are in need.

We'd like to thank the Agawam Soccer Association for all their help with our booth at the Jamboree. Everyone was so nice to work with. It made our job easier and fun, too! Also, a special thanks to Dave Shaw and his son for all their help. We wouldn't have done so well without everyone's involvement.

We made a \$1,000 profit, thanks to everyone who stopped by the booth for refreshments. This \$1,000 will be put toward the purchase of thermal imaging equipment for our local fire department. The Junior Women's Club is proud to work toward the \$16,000 to \$20,000 goal. This equipment will help all residents and businesses in the Town of Agawam in the event of a fire.

Seeing what this equipment can do is quite dramatic. Anyone interested in learning more about the equipment can speak to a member of the Junior Women's Club or, of course, any of the firefighters in town.

We're working hard toward that large goal for the imaging equipment. Anyone else interested in contributing can send a check to The Agawam Helmet Fund, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001. We're sure to reach our goal with your help!

Sincerely,  
Dee Adams, Laurie Snow, Betty Vershon  
Agawam Junior Women's Club  
1998 Ways & Means Co-Chairs

**Harold Davis Is Thanked For Making Vets' Honor Roll Sign****To The Editor:**

Many thanks to Harold Davis of Feeding Hills for designing and constructing our Honor Roll fundraiser sign just installed on Veterans' Green on Main Street.

Once again, Mr. Davis has come through for us as we attempt to complete another project on the Veterans' Green.

Thank you, too, to Rusty Jenks for helping install the 4'x8' sign.

Our colorful Honor Roll fundraiser envelopes were included in the October water bills mailed out last week. We are very happy to report that many people have stopped by our office dropping off their donation envelopes.

To date, we have received \$15,000 of the \$75,000 needed to complete the project next year. Every homeowner in town should receive their donation envelope over the next five-month period. Our committee will also be sending donation envelopes to those residing in apartment complexes, as well.

In addition, letters were sent out this week to Agawam civic organizations and Agawam businesses. We're hoping to make this a community project; the Town of Agawam honoring Agawam people who served their country.

Remember, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Many people served and some at an extremely high personal cost.

The Agawam Veterans' Council and our Honor Roll Committee have worked and are working hard to make the Honor Roll a reality in 1999. In the year 2000, Agawam will be host community to the first State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Dedication Day plans promise to keep us all very busy. We would like to complete the Honor Roll rather than put the project on hold.

Working together, we can do it!

Sincerely,  
Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent  
Ed Kellogg, Chm., Veterans' Council

**Agawam Resident Responds To Bitzas' Editorial****To The Editor:**

It was obvious when reading last week's editorial by George Bitzas that he has more concern for Berkshire Power and its out-of-town promoters than he does for Agawam and its citizens. This comes as no surprise since he is one of the three left on the council along with the Mayor who have supported Berkshire Power for the past four years.

Mr. Bitzas also implies that the eight good council members who, after a two-night public hearing and a consideration of all the evidence, made a wrong decision. They made the right decision and their concern for the welfare of the citizens of Agawam should be applauded.

Mr. Bitzas also comments on the opponents who negotiated settlements. Before he judges these people he should "walk a mile in their boots." Some of the business people who took settlements were being harassed by pickets and all of their assets were tied up in a lawsuit brought by the people Mr. Bitzas supports from Berkshire Power.

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) and their supporters have given over \$100,000 to fight a legal battle that some members of the Agawam town government, including Mr. Bitzas and the Mayor, refused to fight. The remaining members of the CCBA have never taken any money though, in the past, we have been offered money for our silence.

Mr. Bitzas also suggests we unite. The values of the people who want the power plant and the people who don't are too different for that to ever happen. Also, to expect a group of people who have been put "in harm's way" to embrace the people who put them there is ludicrous.

It also puzzles me that Mr. Bitzas is on the Beautification Committee and yet would give his consent to putting an ugly, water-wasting, chemical-spewing, dangerous power plant in Agawam. While he does get other people to plant flowers, he doesn't seem to know the difference between a flower and a weed. In the world of businesses, power plants are weeds.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ghedi  
Agawam

**Marching Mohawks' Field Show Deserves Much Praise****To The Editor:**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Tammy Watson and the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks for an outstanding field show this year.

The theme is a western one, and the choice of music and costumes blend smoothly together for quite a show. While it's difficult for some people to accept the changes that are made in band field shows, Ms. Watson and her band leaders do an excellent job of choosing the theme, music, and costumes.

Traditional field shows with traditional school colors are no longer acceptable for the types of competitions our band attends. Creativity, color, and courage, as well as musical talent, are what it takes to bring home the medals our band wins.

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## LETTERS - from Page 6...

We in Agawam should all be very proud of our Marching Mohawks. They are a talented, spirited group of students who always represent Agawam to the best of their ability and responsibility. Anyone who hasn't seen them perform is cheating him/herself out of a truly entertaining experience.

They should be strongly supported in all of their endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen A. Mounemneh  
Feeding Hills

## Why Is Feeding Hills More "Valuable" Than Agawam?

To The Editor:  
Dear Citizens of Agawam:

Please take note of your recent tax bill that we have all received by now. I'm sure you have noticed that there has been a small increase in the amount owed, but may not know why the bill is HIGHER since the tax rate has not been increased!

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the LAND VALUE has been increased SUBSTANTIALLY. I would also like to point out that in my investigation so far, I have found that ONLY the Feeding Hills area of Agawam got this unannounced surprise land value appreciation. The properties residing in Agawam were not given this NEW valuation.

I would like to know how the City of Agawam can be divided in evaluations from the assessor's office at random and why the land in Feeding Hills is suddenly more valuable than the rest of the City of Agawam. I would appreciate any input in this matter from my fellow citizens.

Sincerely,  
Katherine McNulty  
Feeding Hills

## Hampden County Retirement System Announces Earnings

The Hampden County Retirement System earned 20.05 percent on its investments in 1997. The average statewide was 18.69 percent.

"Investment return is an important element of pension funding," Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission Executive Director Robert F. Stalnaker noted, "which assures that resources will be available to fund the hard-earned benefits of public employees and retirees."

Last year's investment returns for the Hampden County Retirement System of 20.05 percent represent a significant increase over the average return of 12.6 percent for the years 1993-1997. As a result, the market value of the Hampden County Retirement System assets grew in 1997 to \$146 million, as compared to \$119 million in 1996, \$105 million in 1995, and \$82 million in 1994.

According to Retirement Board Chairman Rose Marie Coughlin, "The cost to manage and maintain these investments was approximately 38 basis points or slightly more than one-third of one penny for each dollar invested."

Funded Ratio of the Hampden County Retirement System as of the most recent valuation of 01-01-98 was 63.4 percent, up from 46.8 percent as of 01-01-95. This ratio is a measure of the financial condition of the system based on the ratio the system's assets bear to its liabilities.

Chairman Coughlin also stated the funded status of the system increased while the Retirement Board adopted legislation to allow it to fund possible future cost of living adjustments for its retirees.

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By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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## Rep. Keenan Offers Consumer Guide To Electric Industry

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has a Consumers' Guide to Understanding Changes in the Electric Industry in Massachusetts available at his district office.

Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office on 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, at 786-4545.

For the first time, electricity customers can choose their electricity supplier. This free comprehensive consumer education guide contains important information about the restructuring of the electric industry and how customers can choose their power supplier.

The Electric Restructuring Act of 1997 made important changes that affect all citizens in the Commonwealth. Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office to request your consumer guide.

## Flagging Of Vets' Graves Slated For November 7th

The Agawam Veterans' Council, American Legion Post 185, and VFW Post 1632 will be flagging the graves of veterans in time for the Town of Agawam's Veterans' Day observances.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery on Saturday, November 7th at 8:00 a.m., then proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery. The smaller cemeteries will be flagged during the week.

The policy for Veterans' Day is to replace any torn or faded flags, with all flags to be replaced for the Memorial Day observance.

If anyone would like to help with the flagging, please be at the Springfield Street location at 8:00 a.m. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

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## Kasparian Speaks To Vietnamese American Assoc.

The Vietnamese American Civic Association of Springfield held a forum last Sunday afternoon to introduce its members to the state and local candidates running for office in the upcoming election on November 3, 1998.

Abe Kasparian, Independent candidate for the Governor's Council, was on hand to educate those in attendance on the role and function of the Governor's Council and to present his views and qualifications for the office.

"The Governor's Council," he remarked, "was set up as an important advisory board to the governor whose role is to confirm judicial appointments and approve or deny all clerk of court positions, notary publics, and justices of the peace."

"The Governor's Council," continued Kasparian, "also has the power to commute prison sentences or pardon inmates, authorize payment of bills by the state, and act as an appeal board for veterans who've been denied benefits."

Kasparian said he would bring to the office his extensive knowledge and experience.

Holding a bachelor degree in criminal justice and a master of education degree in business administration, Kasparian has taught a GED program to inmates at the old York St. Jail. He is a former Hampden County Commissioner, Honorary Deputy Sheriff, Notary Public, past chair of the Agawam Industrial Financial Development Authority, and a former corporate Director of WESTMASS Area Development Corporation.

Among the issues discussed and advocated by Kasparian was the need for each member of the Council to carefully review the appointments and the authorizations for the payment of the state's bills and not merely be a rubber stamp for the governor.

Of particular interest to Kasparian, to which he is opposed, is the practice of the past council members of automatically restoring all rights to firearms with the granting of pardons to past violent offenders and drug dealers.

Kasparian also urged the group to vote "no" on Question 5 to eliminate the needle exchange program in Springfield and, instead, he advocates education and rehabilitation programs to help stop dependency on narcotics.

Also in attendance at the forum were representatives for Acting Governor Paul Cellucci and Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, as well as Senator Linda Melconian, State Representative Ben Swan, and candidates for State Representative Carmen Rosa, Cheryl Rivera, and Rod Fountain.

The forum was organized to educate these new Americans on the importance of learning the issues and becoming familiar with the candidates and exercising their right to vote. The elected officials and candidates urge all Americans to exercise this most precious right and go to the polls on November 3rd and cast their vote.

## Kasparian's Supporters On The "March"...



AT A RECENTLY HELD foliage parade in North Adams, Abe Kasparian, Jr., Independent candidate for the Governor's Council, chats with two of his supporters - Jeff Kratovil of Agawam (left) and Shane Robitaille of Chicopee (right).

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of F.L. ROBERTS & COMPANY, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of the existing facility at the premises identified as: 632-634 MAIN STREET

Doreen Prouty,  
Acting Chairperson

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on the proposal of Sunday openings for Package Stores on the Sundays following Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION  
ROBERT VANDERHOOF, CHAIRMAN  
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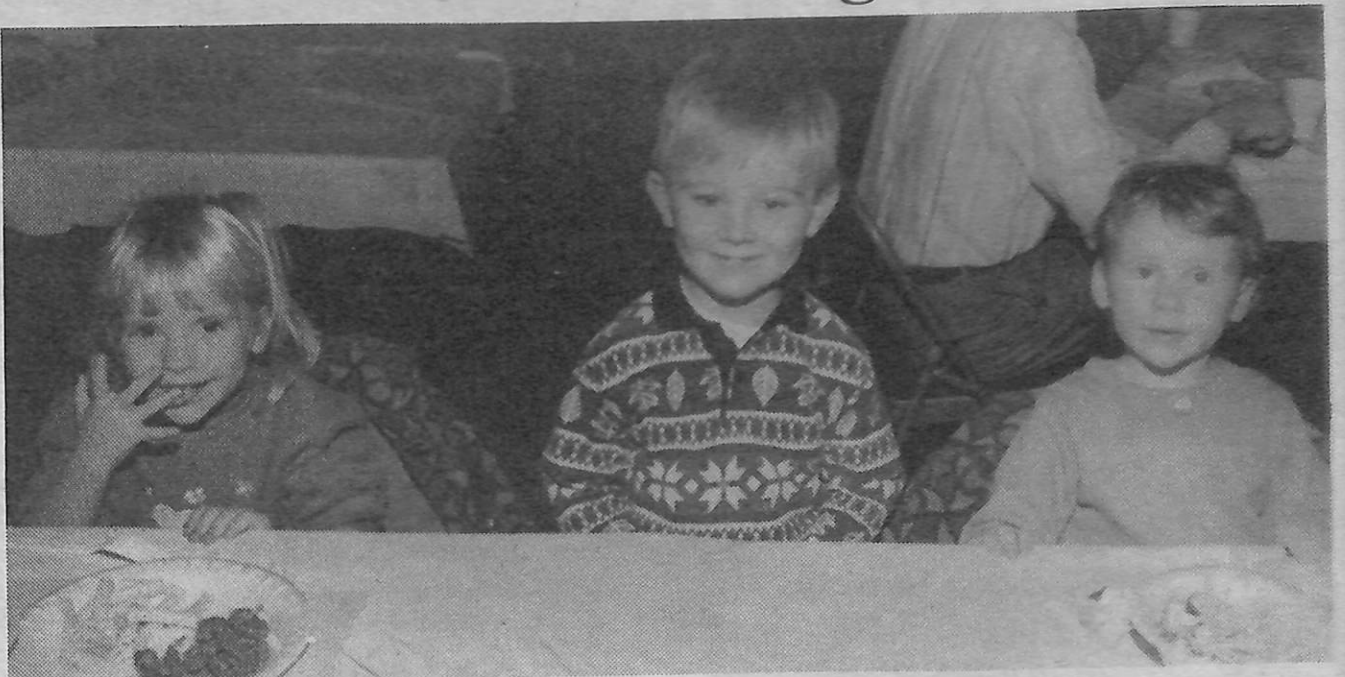




# Keenan Holds Pasta Dinner In Feeding Hills...



STATE REP. DAN KEENAN with some of his supporters at his annual pasta dinner: Mick Tuckey and State Senator Linda J. Melconian (top photo), and Noreen Poole and Janis Phaneuf (photo below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"WE LOVE PASTA!!!" Alida Brown, Jacob Pike, and Danica Brown were among the youngsters in attendance at State Rep. Dan Keenan's annual pasta dinner. This year's dinner was held on Wednesday, October 21st, at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"SALAD LADIES" at State Rep. Keenan's annual pasta dinner: Eva Nascembeni and Ernestine Book. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

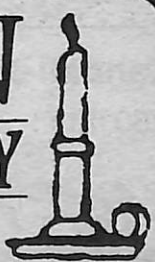


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SAY "CHEESE" (PARMESAN OR RICOTTA???) FOR THE CAMERA: The "kitchen crew" at Dan Keenan's annual pasta dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

### Important Information Regarding Veterans' License Plates

A copy of a recent letter from State Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Thomas J. Hudner, in reference to Massachusetts veterans' license plates, explains that, "The purpose of the license plates is to show recognition for the service of the veterans to our country and to provide money to the Commonwealth's two soldiers' homes to enrich their sheltered lives, such as purchasing new TV's or books or improving their recreation hall."

The initial cost of registering for the plates is \$70; \$30 is for the registration, and the remaining \$40 is donated to the soldiers' homes. The second and subsequent times an automobile is registered for a veterans' plate, the \$30 fee is waived and the \$40 is sent to the soldiers' homes.

License plates are free for several categories of veterans: those who are recipients of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Navy Cross, the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, or the Purple Heart Medal; those who are ex-prisoners of war or Pearl Harbor survivors; and those who are in one of several categories for service-connected disabled veterans.

Our office and various veterans' groups are attempting to persuade the legislature to make all veterans' plates free, but it will take some time for such action to materialize, if ever.

Upon application, veterans may choose to obtain a flag plate, or if they choose they may receive a decal of their branch of service (in-

cluding a decal of the war in which they served). Forms are available through our office.

This week, we continue with our list of Korean War veterans whose home of record has been established as Agawam.

If you know of any additions, please contact our office with the necessary documentation to establish Agawam as the home of record. The home of record is the city or town the veteran resided in at the time of entry into the military.

Contact our office at the Agawam Town Hall, telephone 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

#### KOREAN WAR VETERANS - "H," "I," & "J"

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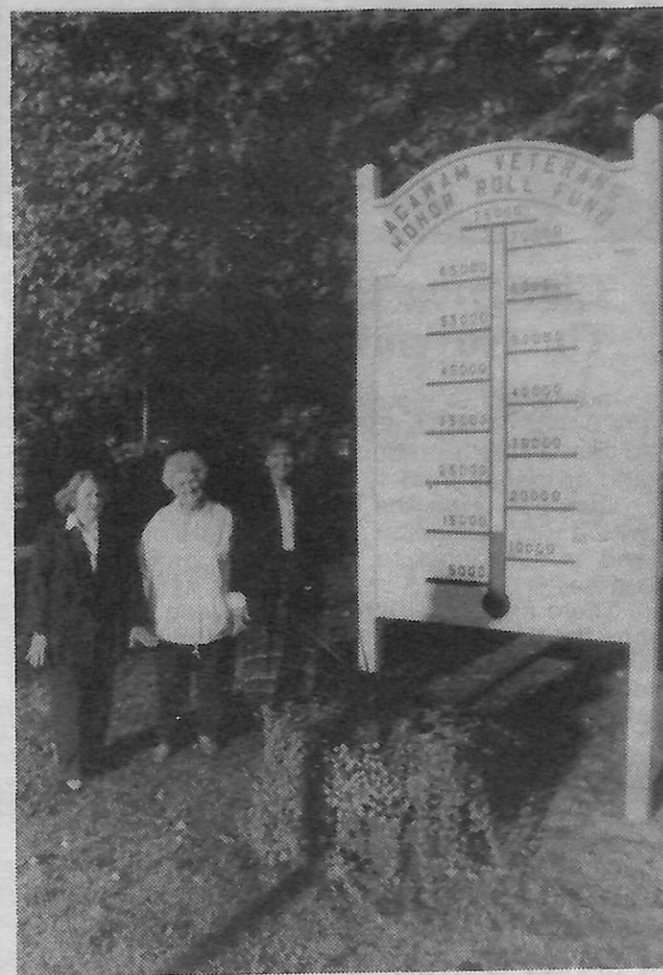
Definitive Subdivision Plan of MacBrook Estates regarding sidewalks.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

## Vets' Honor Roll Sign

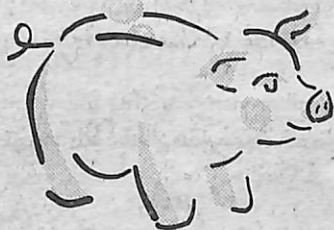


MEMBERS OF THE Agawam veterans' honor roll research team pose with the new honor roll fundraising sign located at Veterans' Green on Main Street. From left to right: Dianne Moreau (Veterans' Services), Ellie Boissonneault (World War II veteran), and Ruth Bitzas (Veterans' Agent). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Clarifying Question 3 On The November 3rd Ballot

In addition to election of statewide offices on the ballot on November 3rd, voters will be asked to cast a vote for reducing the tax rate on interest and dividends from 12 percent to 5.95 percent.

Question 3 on the ballot concerns a tax cut which was passed by the Legislature on July 15th and is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 1999.

There are two differences between Question 3 and the tax cut already passed by the Legislature. Question 3 would redefine all interest and dividend income as "earned" income for the Massachusetts personal income tax, thus lower-

ing the rate from the 12 percent tax rate on "unearned" income to the 5.95 percent. The tax cut passed by the Legislature lowers the tax rate on Part A income from dividends and interest from 12 percent to 5.95 percent without redefining dividend and interest as "earned" income.

The second difference is the effective dates: Question 3 will take effect January 1, 2000 while the new law takes effect on January 1, 1999, a full year earlier. Under current law, the rate on dividends and interest will be lowered from 12 percent to 5.95 percent beginning on January 1, 1999. If the petition passes, dividend and interest income will subsequently be redefined as "earned" income which is also taxed at 5.95 percent. Therefore, absolutely nothing happens to the effective date if the initiative is passed.

If Question 3 does not pass, absolutely nothing will happen to the tax cut that lowers the tax rate on dividends and interest beginning this January. The tax cut will take place regardless of whether or not Question 3 passes.

In order for an initiative to be placed on the November 3rd ballot, the question and signatures must be filed with the Secretary of the State. The Legislature passed the tax cut on July 15th after the deadline for submitting the signatures. Under the state's election laws, the question cannot be taken off of the ballot.

Your vote is important, so please remember to get out and vote on November 3rd.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to the proposed amendments known as TOR-98-5, to the existing Rules Governing Second Hand Motor Vehicles, under Ch. 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: October 29, 1998

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

## New Junior Operator Law Takes Effect November 4, 1998

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will implement a new Junior Operator/Graduated Licensing Law which will affect all drivers under the age of 18.

The new law will take effect on November 4, 1998 and contains the following major provisions:

### Driver Education/Permit Requirements:

1. All persons under 18 must successfully complete a driver education and training course plus an additional 12 hours of driving supervised by a parent, guardian, or designee over 21.

2. To drive on a learner's permit, you must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 or over.

### Junior Operator License Requirements/Restrictions:

1. You must be at least 16½ years-old.

2. If you have had an accident or get a ticket while driving on your permit, you may not take the road test until you have driven with no infractions for six months.

3. You may not carry any passengers under the age of 18, other than an immediate family member, for the first six months after being licensed unless accompanied by a licensed operator over 21 who is occupying the seat beside you. Your license will be suspended for 30 days for a first offense of this requirement, 60 days for a second offense, and 90 days for each additional offense.

4. You may not drive between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

### Penalties and Punishment:

1. If you are convicted of speeding or drag racing, your license will be suspended for six months for a second offense and one year for a third offense. This provision is in addition to any court fine or suspension and applies to anyone under 21.

2. Your license will be suspended for six months if you are arrested or charged with driving

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters To Pick Up Items On Nov. 2nd

Big Brothers Big Sisters will pick up used clothing and small household item donations in Agawam on Monday, November 2nd.

Residents should call 732-7111 for a free pick-up. They need not be home, but should tell the phone representatives where they will leave the donations such as the front porch or steps, and label them "BBBS." A tax receipt will be given. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County.

The non-profit mentoring agency resells the items to a thrift store or recycles them. Big Brothers Big Sisters matches at-risk children from single parent homes with caring adult volunteers.

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- Massachusetts Licensed Real Estate Broker.
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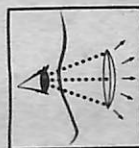
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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Barbara A. Cyran

Barbara A. (Krause) Cyran, 70, of 51 Tracy Drive, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

She worked for the former Notion Thread Company in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam since 1956.

She attended the Calvary Baptist Church in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Her husband, Edward W. Sr., died in 1991.

She leaves two sons, Edward W. Jr. of Chicopee and Walter J. of Franklin; a daughter, Linda Russell of Feeding Hills; a brother, John of Agawam; a sister, Rita Paterakis of Springfield; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Calvary Baptist Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hematology/Oncology Division at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA 01199.

### George M. Walker

George M. "Mickey" Walker, 41, of Agawam, and formerly of North Reading, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a truck driver for many years, most recently for T.J. Manley Trucking Co. of North Reading.

Born in Boston in 1957, he was raised and schooled in North Reading. He lived in Agawam for four years after spending 25 years in North Reading.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary J. Bell; three daughters, Crystal J., Jennifer R., and Sheri A. Walker of Agawam; his mother, Muriel B. (Rouse) Bezis, and stepfather, Michael Bezis, of Danvers; a brother, Jonathan A. Richardson of Wakefield; a sister, Susan A. Grant of Salem, New Hampshire; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Croswell Funeral Home in North Reading, with burial to be scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George M. Walker Trust Fund, for the decedent's children, at P.O. Box 587, North Reading, MA 01864.

### Dorothy Hill

Dorothy (Chapin) Hill, 84, of West Springfield, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was born in Springfield and lived in Agawam before moving to West Springfield 30 years ago.

Her husband, Arol B. Hill, died in 1981.

She leaves two sons, Arol B. II and Rober Parent, both of West Springfield; seven grandchildren; and her friend, George Dow.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with the burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Agawam.

### Esther J. Jenks

Esther J. (Wilson) Jenks, 89, of 21 James Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She owned and operated Petty's Kiddie Shop in West Springfield for 15 years and retired in 1960.

Born in Springfield and schooled in Agawam, she graduated from Bay Path Institute in Springfield.

She attended the United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Frank H. Jenks, died in 1986.

She leaves two sons, Gordon W. and David W. of Westfield; a sister, Ruth Newkirk of New York City; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Massachusetts Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Bronislaw Gadek

Bronislaw Gadek, 74, of Agawam, and a long-time Holyoke resident, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a machinist for Easco Hand Tools, and retired in 1987.

Born in Poland, he was a communicant of the Mater Dolorosa Church in Holyoke, and belonged to Polish National Alliance Group 141.

He leaves his wife, Rozalia (Czygier) Gadek; three sons, Alvin Szulc of California, and William Szulc and John Gadek of Holyoke; a sister, Adela Kubik in Kracow, Poland; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two sons, Walter Szulc in 1993, and Stanley Gadek in 1996.

The funeral was held at Starzyk Funeral Home of Holyoke and the church, with the burial in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

### Billie J. Price

Billie J. (Corpening) Price, 58, of Mallard Court, Agawam, died recently at the home of her son in Spofford, New Hampshire.

She was born in Beckley, West Virginia, and lived in Agawam for 28 years.

She leaves her husband, James Price; two sons, Phillip of Spofford and James Jr. of West Springfield; three daughters, Cheryl Lucia of Springfield, and Doris Harris and Charlene Price of Phoenix, Arizona; a brother, Isaac of Springfield; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Center Cemetery.

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under the influence of drugs or alcohol, vehicular homicide, serious bodily injury while under the influence, or had a blood alcohol content of .02 or greater. This provision is in addition to any court fine or suspension and applies to anyone under 21.

3. Your license will be suspended for six months if you purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. This provision is in addition to any court fine or suspension and applies to anyone under 21.

There is no grandfather clause in the Junior Operator Law, with the exception that the pro-licensing requirements do not impact anyone licensed before November 4th. The Registry of Motor Vehicles ([www.state.ma.us/rmv](http://www.state.ma.us/rmv)) offers a series of questions and answers on the Junior Operator/Graduated Licensing Law.

This information is presented as a public service by your local independent insurance agent.

## Water Connection Applications Due 10/30

John P. Stone, Superintendent of the Agawam Department of Public Works, has announced that October 30, 1998 is the late date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1999.

This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

**Remember to vote on Election Day — Tuesday, November 3rd!!!**

## Join Us For The Great Pumpkin Adventure



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**Saturday, October 31st**  
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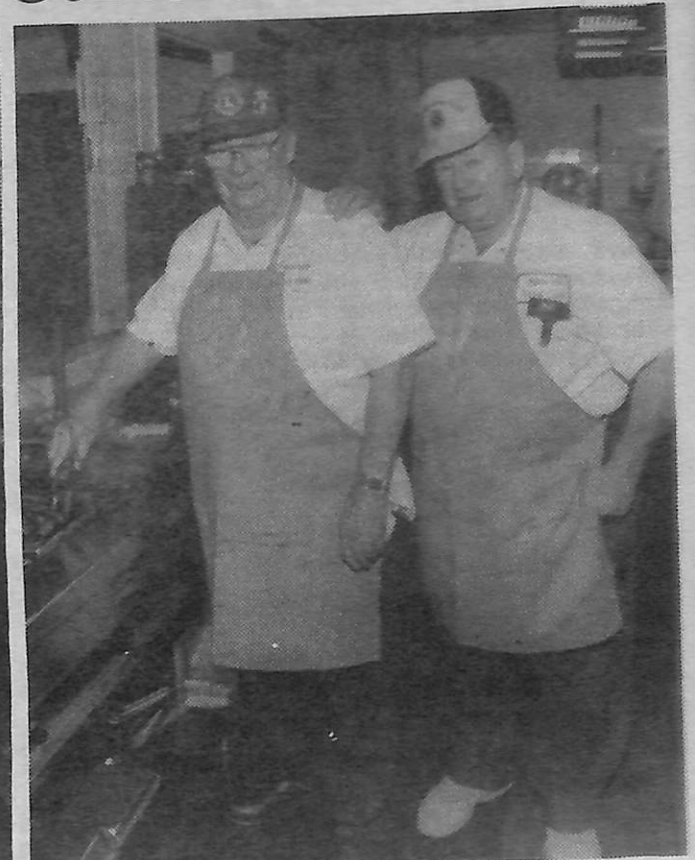


## Families

### Pancake Breakfast At Senior Center...



IN TOP PHOTO: Lena Peloquin and Ginny Ingram selling raffle tickets. IN PHOTO BELOW: Benjamin Flythe enjoying his breakfast. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST held at the Agawam Senior Center on Sunday, October 18th, members of the Agawam Lions Club showed their "pride" in community service by doing the cooking duties for the breakfast. IN LEFT PHOTO: John Negrucci and George Fedora. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jim Loomis, Jr. and Lyman Simpson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Heritage Hall In Agawam Seeks Volunteers (Ages 14 And Over) For Its Visiting Program

Heritage Hall Centers, 61 Cooper St., Agawam is seeking interested people ages 14 and older to volunteer as one-on-one companions for our visiting program.

Volunteers can read to residents, take them for walks, play board games, provide nail care, or make crafts with their companion.

If you have as little as an hour a week to share with someone, and you enjoy meeting people, this volunteer opportunity is for you.

For more information, please contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413-786-8000, ext. 217.

### Annual Bazaar At Community Grange 382

The ladies of Community Grange No. 382, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills have been busy and will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Crocheted and knitted items, ornaments, afghans, baked goods, books, and tag sale items will be available. The snack bar will be open and Magpie the Clown will be visiting.

Children under 11 who come in costume will receive a special Halloween treat. Raffle tickets will be available for an afghan, Beanie Babies, a gift basket, birdhouse, and a quart of Massachusetts maple syrup.

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## Jennifer A. Domaingue Engaged To Wed Paul J. Nicosia

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Domaingue of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Paul J. Nicosia, the son of Mrs. Barbara Nicosia of Enfield, Connecticut and the late Salvatore Nicosia.

Jennifer graduated from Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently attending Westfield State College, majoring in biology and Early Childhood Education. Jennifer is employed by KinderCare Learning Center in Springfield as a preschool teacher.

Paul graduated from Enfield High School and attended Central Connecticut State University. Paul is employed Ames Department Stores in East Longmeadow as Softlines Merchandise Manager.

An October 16, 1999 wedding is planned.

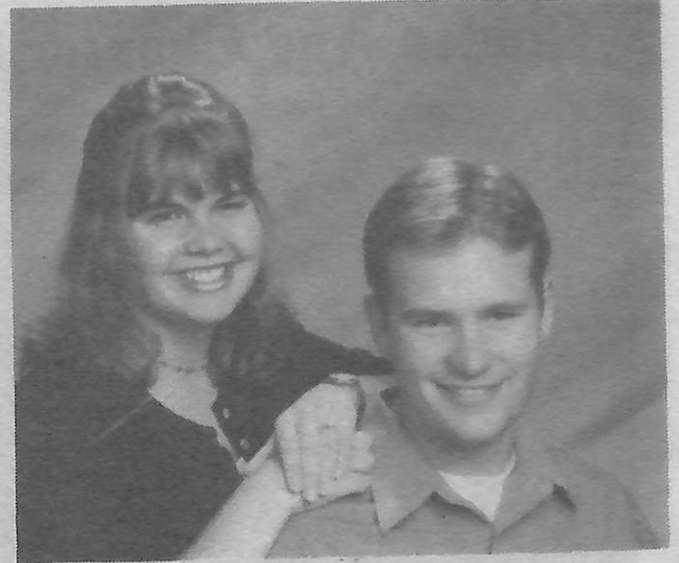
## Kirsten L. Decoteau To Wed Kenneth J. Otto Of N. Hampshire

Dr. & Mrs. J. Patrick Decoteau of Mill Street, Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten L. Decoteau to Kenneth J. Otto, Jr. of Nashua, New Hampshire. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Otto, Sr. of Ellington, Connecticut.

The future bride attends Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester where she is majoring in mechanical engineering and expected to graduate in December 1999.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is an applications engineer for Teradyne in Nashua.

A fall wedding is being planned for the year 2000.



KIRSTEN L. DECOTEAU &amp; KENNETH J. OTTO

## Upcoming Activities And Events Slated At Quail Run Estates

With the arrival of fall, the residents and staff of Quail Run Estates, 50 Cardinal Drive, have renewed their commitment to community projects started last year.

On Friday, October 30th at 1:30 p.m., the grandchildren of residents as well as Mrs. Robinson's third-grade class from Phelps School will be our guests at a Halloween Party.

We are collecting donations to assist the newly-formed Pastor's Association in providing a community Thanksgiving dinner on November 26th at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. All are welcome between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

On November 10th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Frank Magrone will be with us sharing his expertise in the Shaker tradition of preparing food and the use of natural ingredients in cooking.

Our December projects are once again a mitten tree, non-perishable food for the Open Pantry, and gifts for special children.

## West Side/Agawam Open Pantry To Help With Thanksgiving

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is gearing up to help the local low-income families celebrate Thanksgiving. The Pantry will distribute holiday food baskets containing turkeys and the trimmings.

The public is invited to help with this project by donating any of the traditional ingredients necessary to round-out a meal: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuits, pies, or other dessert fixings.

Churches, community groups, classrooms, scout troops, small offices, and large businesses are all welcome to join the individuals helping to carry on this tradition.

The baskets will be distributed to Pantry families on November 23rd and 24th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at 1023 Main Street. Residents who meet the income eligibility requirements may sign up at the Open Pantry Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

More information may be obtained by calling 734-7969.

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## Golden Age Chapter I Celebrates Anniversary



ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Chapter I of the Agawam Golden Age Club held a banquet to commemorate the chapter's 42nd anniversary (it was founded on November 28, 1956). The wonderful entertainment was provided by Richie Mitnick (a talented musician from Agawam), and a good time was had by all. IN LEFT PHOTO: Loretta Wright and Rose Paro handling the events for the event. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jeannette Dore (Chapter 1 President and Banquet Chairman) and Edward Organek (Travel Coordinator). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Holiday Baskets In Final Month Of Drive For Thanksgiving

November 1st is right around the corner. Have you made your donation to the Holiday Basket drive yet?

Last year, due to an overwhelming sense of generosity from our friends — YOU! — we were able to provide meals to 54 families, and clothes and toys to 153 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Locations are Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand-Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Col-dwell Banker, and the Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods:

Canned vegetables; cranberry sauce; stuffing; cereal; cake mixes; soap/toothpaste/brush; paper goods; pasta; canned juice; prepared foods (shelf goods); soups; and canned meats (tuna, SPAM, etc.).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children from ages one to 14, we will accept these also at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a Holiday Basket, or school supplies or Agawam Theatre movie tickets as gifts for older children, please call Dee Adams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you may make the difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world.

And, after all, isn't that what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about?

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 2nd:** Meatball, stroganoff, wide egg noodles, Mexican corn, pumpnickel bread, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, November 3rd:** Chicken, paprika pie, tossed salad, breadsticks, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, November 4th:** Polish sausage, polish noodles, cabbage, peas, onions, rye bread, cheesecake.

**Thursday, November 5th:** Golden carrot soup, ham salad on a roll, broccoli salad, pineapple.

**Friday, November 6th:** Grape juice, baked macaroni, stewed tomatoes, oatmeal, bread, canned pears.

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JESSIE FULLER (second from the right), this year's recipient of the "Andrew Gallano Award," with Agawam City Councilor Robert Young, Council President Donald Rheault, and State Rep. Dan Keenan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VI PRESZ (far left) receives the "Friendship Award" from "Friends" President Lillian Doyle and Agawam Council On Aging Chairperson Peter Forastiere. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JESSIE FULLER (center) is congratulated on receiving this year's "Andrew Gallano Award" by Agawam Council On Aging Chairperson Peter Forastiere and COA Executive Director Richard Mundo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Friends" Of Agawam Senior Center And COA Hold Annual Awards Dinner

On Thursday, October 22nd, at Ferruccio's Banquet House on Main Street, Agawam, the "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Council On Aging held their Annual Awards Dinner.

The evening began with welcoming remarks and the following introduction by Peter C. Forastiere, Chairperson of the Council On Aging: "What a momentous year it has been at our Senior Center! With the assistance of our 'Friends,' we've been able to completely redo the facility and make it a source of pride for the seniors, the Town, and both of our organizations. We know and appreciate how difficult your fundraising job is.

"We look forward to many more years of working with you and continuing to make the improvements necessary so that our Center remains the best possible place to visit. As we approach a new century and a much larger project, your assistance becomes even more crucial.

"The Council On Aging salutes your fine efforts," concluded Forastiere.

After the Invocation by Rev. Donald Morris, dinner was served, followed by a report from Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Agawam Council On Aging.

"On behalf of all the staff at the Senior Center," stated Mundo, "I wish to thank you for your valuable assistance during the past year. Our renovation project has helped bring new people to our Center and made it a better place to provide the services they desire.

"You only need to walk through the Center to see the positive impact you have made on the site, the staff, and on the hundreds of users. Fundraising is highly competitive and time-consuming, especially for volunteers. Please be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated

by all," continued Mundo.

Each year, the highlight of this Awards Dinner is the presentation of two prestigious awards that are bestowed upon individuals who are most worthy of recognition for all their efforts on behalf of Agawam's senior citizens. This year's deserving honorees are Jessie Fuller, who received the "Andrew Gallano Award," and Vi Presz, who was given the "Friendship Award."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson offered the following comments to "Friends" and the COA:

"It is my pleasure to salute the Council On Aging and the 'Friends' of the Agawam Senior Center for their work during the last year on behalf of the Town's senior citizens. Both of these fine organizations have contributed to the wonderful reputation Agawam enjoys throughout the region in regards to the provision of elder services.

"The recent renovations and refurbishing of the

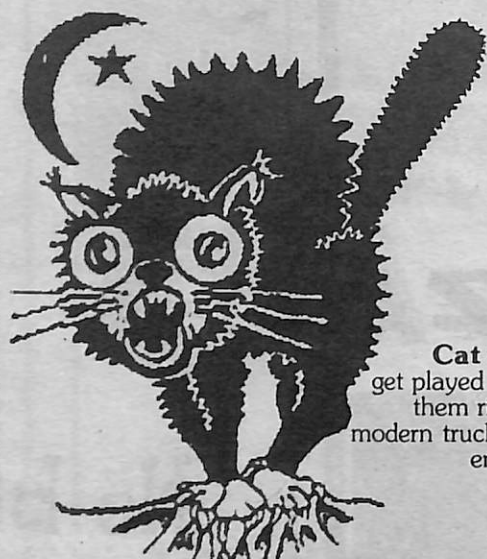
Center, in great part made possible by 'Friends,' have made it an even more comfortable and friendly place for seniors to enjoy, to learn, and to receive essential services. On behalf of the Town, I wish to thank all of those whose volunteer work made it possible," remarked Johnson.

Lillian Doyle, President of "Friends," provided the closing remarks for the evening:

"Thanks to the members of 'Friends' and many others who support 'Friends' all year, which makes it possible for us to support the Agawam Senior Center," emphasized Doyle.

"The 'Friends' Board meets monthly to discuss our goals and projects. The Annual Meeting, held in November, is when the Board of Directors is elected. The public is invited to this meeting.

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## Christopher P. Gaffney Graduates From Basic Coast Guard Training

Christopher P. Gaffney, son of Diane and Kevin Gaffney of Feeding Hills, graduated from U.S. Coast Guard training at Cape May, New Jersey, on October 9, 1998.

At graduation, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his service as a religious representative for the recruits.

Gaffney has started his tour of duty in Hawaii aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter, the *Sassafras*. He will tour the South Pacific islands aboard the cutter *Sassafras*, and his base station will be in Guam.

Gaffney is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Navy Fireman Joseph Diabo Participates In Prestigious Ceremony

Navy Fireman Joseph M. Diabo, son of Pat Sidusky of 17 Amherst Ave., Feeding Hills, recently participated in a remembrance ceremony for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, home ported in Everett, Washington.

Diabo's ship paused in the Arabian Gulf to pay tribute to the men and women who have given their lives in the service of their country. In addition, an announcement to all crew members was given by Diabo's commanding officer on the flight deck to fulfill the promise to our nation's POW's and MIA's and their families, that they are not forgotten.

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He joined the Navy in August 1997.

## Fish & Chip Dinners Held Each Friday At The Agawam VFW

Each Friday evening, fish and chip dinners will be held at the Agawam VFW, Post 1632 (located at 194 South Street, Agawam).

The cost is \$5.95 per person, and the Friday night dinners will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

## Agawam Golden Age Club - Chapter 2 Events For November

**Wednesday, Nov. 4th:** Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Robin Deutch, Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Thursday, Nov. 5th:** Bus Trip to Log Cabin, Holyoke. Dinner & Entertainment, "Stars in Your Eyes."

**Wednesday, Nov. 18th:** Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment by the Golden Blue Ribbon Singers.

**Friday, Nov. 27th:** Board of Directors' Meeting. Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

## Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter 1 Calendar Of Events For November

**Friday, Nov. 6th:** Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

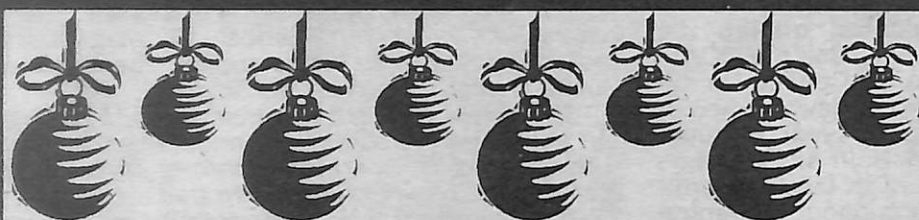
**Wednesday, Nov. 11th:** No Meeting! Closed for Veterans' Day.

**Thursday, Nov. 12th:** Day Trip to Radio City Music Hall's "Christmas Show."

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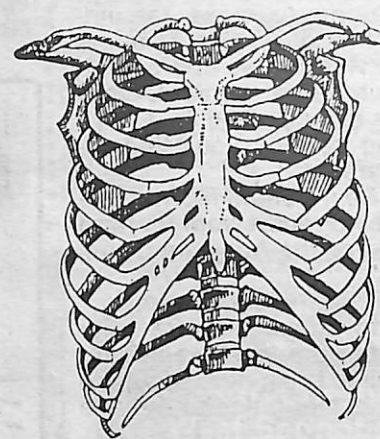
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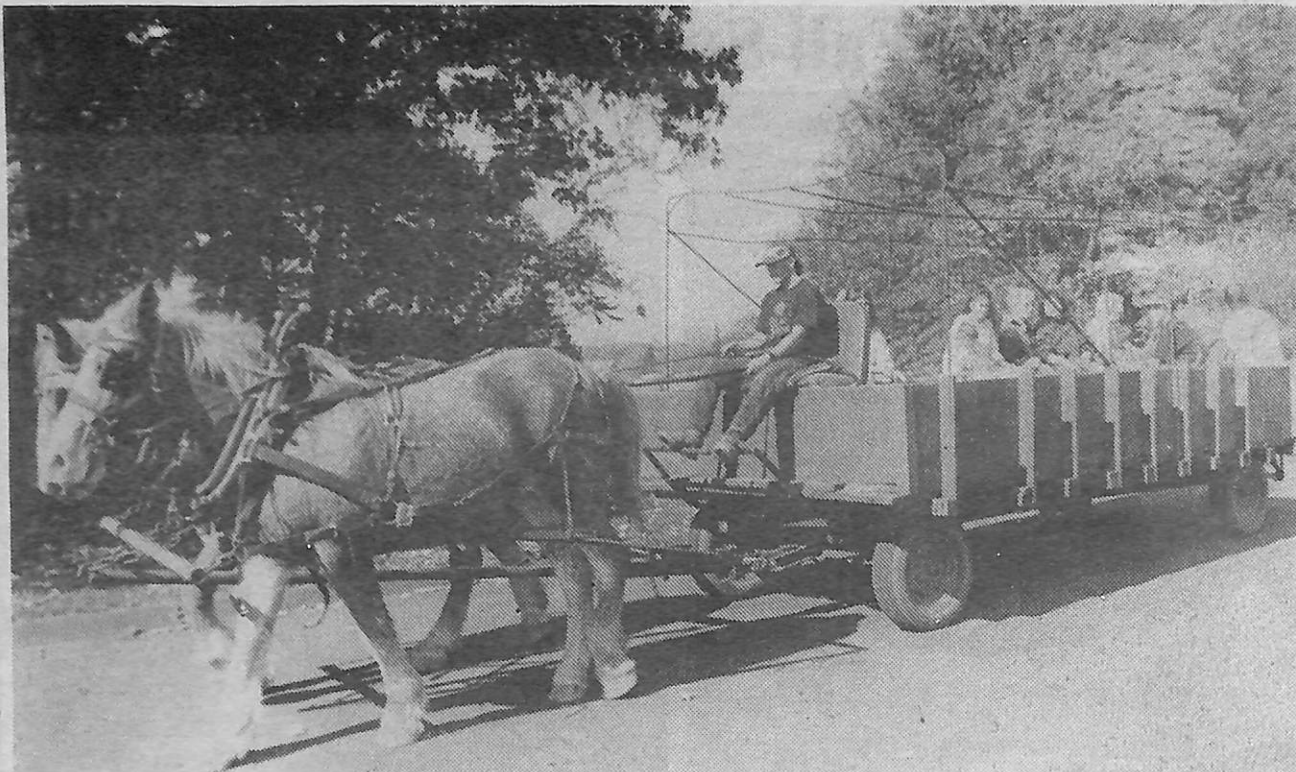


## The Atrium Celebrates First Anniversary



"WHAT WILL I LOOK LIKE???" Brenda Gilbert has her face painted by Linda King during "Country Fest '98," which celebrated the occasion of The Atrium's first anniversary.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"COUNTRY FEST '98" was the theme of The Atrium's first anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 18th. The day featured hay rides (pictured above), country fiddlers, balloon sculpture, face painting, clowns, games, and tours of the facility. The Atrium, located on Cardinal Drive in Agawam, is the area's only assisted living residence designed exclusively for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUST "CLOWNING" AROUND: "Wacky-Takis" and "Choo-Choo" had fun with balloons during The Atrium's "Country Fest '98" on Sunday, October 18th. Advertiser News

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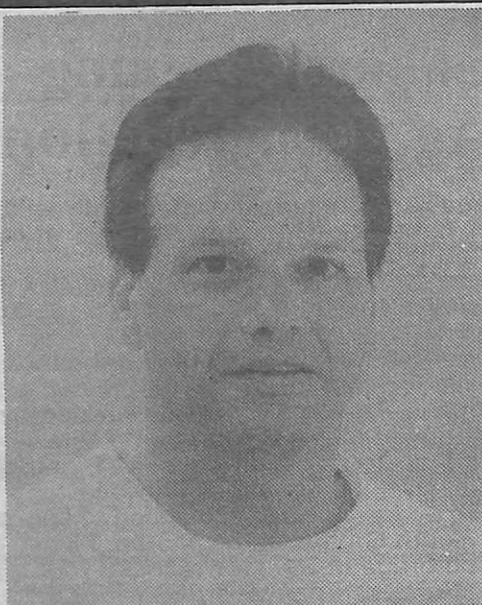
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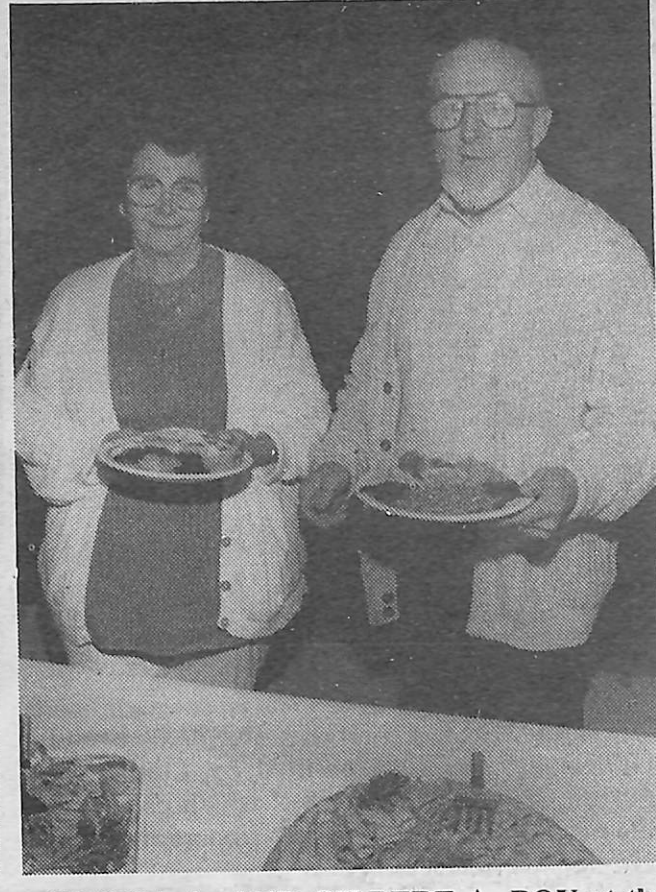
### Annual Fall Smorgasbord At First Baptist Church...



VIVIAN ROBERTS AND NORMA WERTHAMER stirring the beans at the First Baptist smorgasbord. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"HMMM ... WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DESSERT???": Leona Booska and Ruth Roberts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GLORIA A. AND GILBERT A. ROY at the First Baptist smorgasbord on Saturday, October 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### St. David's Church To Host One-Stop Shopping Extravaganza

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting an all-day "One-Stop Shopping Extravaganza" on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is a perfect opportunity to catch some great deals and maybe even do a little early Christmas shopping.

Available for sale will be candles, baskets, toys, cookware, stained glass, books, crystal, makeup, Tupperware, home decor, and many, many other exciting items.

Proceeds from this event will go towards debt reduction of the new church building.

Admission is free. For more information, please call 786-6133.

### Cabaret Evening At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will present a cabaret-style evening of intimate, candlelight music.

Enjoy music of the 50's, Swing, and Big Band Era on Friday, November 13th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall.

Feel your toes tapping? Get up and dance the night away or just sway to the music down Memory Lane. The music will be provided by DJ Chuck Malloy of Music Celebration. There will be a Pot Luck of finger sandwiches (A-M) and munchies (N-Z) with the beverages provided.

There is a \$4 per person admission to help support the Youth Groups of the church. Please call the church office at 786-7111 to make your reservation or for more information.

### St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society Slates Annual Bake Sale

On November 7th and 8th, the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony's Church will be sponsoring its annual bake sale.

The event will be held in St. Anthony's Hall, corner of Bridge and Maple Streets, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th.

The ladies will be offering homemade pastries as well as homemade pasta.

You will also find some Christmas items (a baby afghan, ceramics, towels, crafted hoops, angels pictures, and Christmas wrap) at their "Mini Christmas Table".

Tickets will be on sale for a Beanie Baby Bear raffle.

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Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

*As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12*

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## Catholic Women's Club To Celebrate 60th Anniversary

The members of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam who will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding on Monday, Nov. 9th with a Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 6:00 p.m. and dinner in the Parish Center at 7:15 p.m. have a lot to celebrate.

A reading of the 60-year history, compiled and written by historian Carolyn Capitanio, gives the reader a vivid picture of what the Catholic Women's Club was and is all about, from the time of its inception in the fall of 1938 to the present. It gives the reader a sense of the tremendous commitment, determination, dedication, and vitality of the charter members of the club, and all those who followed.

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam came into being when a group of 14 women met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Stapleton on October 16, 1938. They set as its aims: assisting in the work of the new Mission Church, promoting sociability among its members, and furthering Catholic activities in Agawam.

The members of the club took their goals seriously. They conducted many fundraising events, and the proceeds were used to furnish supplies and equipment for the Mission Church. Services then were held in the Center School and later held in the Riverside Bowling Alleys.

In 1942, the Catholic Women's Club made a concentrated effort to raise the \$1,500 needed to purchase the property where the church now stands. They met their goal. After buying the land and transferring the deed to the Bishop of Springfield, the club turned its efforts to raising money for the building fund.

Over the years, the Catholic Women's Club has contributed generously to the needs of the church both financially and physically, to the community both monetarily and servicewise, and since 1957 has given thousands of dollars in scholarship to Catholic students who have gone on to higher education. Through the years, the club has fostered religious activities among its 200-plus members, and has promoted sociability among them by providing programs that appeal to the membership at large.

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is an organization steeped in rich history and tradition. Its members come from all age groups, from the young to the elderly. When many organizations are failing or dwindling, this 60-year-old club not only maintains its larger roster, it enjoys the strong participation of its members.

Any Catholic woman residing in Agawam is eligible for membership in the club. An invitation is extended to them to attend a meeting as guests. If you like us, join us, and become a part of our future.

## Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet Nov. 6th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Ann's Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, November 6th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



THE MEMBERS OF THE 60th anniversary committee of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam: standing - Lillian Doyle and Paula Raiche; seated - Penny DeForge (co-chair), Gloria Colby (co-chair), and Carolyn Capitanio (historian). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Weekly Calendar Of Events And Activities From Agawam Congregational Church

The Youth Committee of Agawam Congregational Church will be sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" this Friday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall at the church.

This dance is open to the seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community, and will feature a "Best Costume Contest," games, and prizes. The fee is just \$4 per person (or \$3 plus a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry).

A "no re-entry" policy will be in effect, and the music will be donated by "Music Celebration" D.J. Chuck Malloy. Sign-up early because this event will be limited to 150 teens.

Call the church office at 786-7111 to reserve a space.

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This Sunday, November 1st, is the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. This is also Communion Sunday, and the Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "For All The Saints," taken from Text: Ephesians 1:11-22. His Children's Message will be "People To Remember."

This Sunday is also "Bring A Friend To Church School Sunday." Reminder - Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

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The Blanket Appeal begins this Sunday. Money collected will be spent to purchase blankets for the area needy.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is jelly. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

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The Music Committee has announced the beginning of the "Agawam Chorale," which will meet three or four times a year for a Thursday rehearsal and sing in the church on Sunday mornings.

All aspiring singers are invited on Thursday, November 5th, to join the regular choir members for a fun-filled rehearsal, and on Sunday, November 8th, for a joyful musical and spiritual experience.

The "Agawam Chorale" will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

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The Annual Christmas Wreath Sale is now here! The Youth Groups of the church will be taking orders for the wreaths during coffee hours, or call the church office at 786-7111. The cost of each wreath is still only \$10 with a bright red bow attached.

The order deadline is November 8th. This year, delivery is available for orders of 20 or more wreaths. The pick-up date is Sunday, November 29th, following the Worship Service.

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Want to hear the music of the 50's along with swing and big band? Stop by Bryan Hall on Friday, November 13th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by D.J. Chuck Malloy of "Music Celebration."

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Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**One Man's Story...**

On the evening of November 1, 1971, two awkward teenage boys walked into the community hall of the local Baptist church. The Baptist church was hosting "His Place," a new coffee house offering rural teens a place to go on Friday nights.

They were in search of the same thing most, if not all, boys their age sought after: girls. One of the boys had a specific girl in mind. Sandy Sutton played guitar and sang beautifully. She would be performing there that night.

Somehow or other, they met an older teenager named Brad Davis, who seemed to take a genuine interest in them and engage them in conversation. Sandy Sutton was only one of several talented young people who performed that evening. All the while Brad remained with his new friends, although one of them became disinterested and eventually wandered off by himself.

The other boy was fascinated with Brad on several counts. The first thing which fascinated the young man was that Brad paid any attention to him in the first place.

Brad was really good-looking, and his new friend kept thinking that if he was as good-looking and charming as Brad, he wouldn't waste his time and talents on him. He'd go for the girls! He didn't quite get it.

The other thing he struggled to grasp was what Brad was talking about. Brad spoke of having a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Born a Roman Catholic, raised a Congregationalist, and then practicing a form of spiritualism which today is called the New Age movement, it was stunning to hear a person talk about knowing God almost like people know each other. At first, they argued a bit. Brad would say something about God doing this or that, and he would respond with comments about meditation or hypnosis or astro travel or seances.

Brad would listen patiently and sincerely, then point out that he was speaking of a much greater or higher reality than what a person could do for himself. All man-made religions, no matter what the packaging, are ultimately all the same: people reaching up or in or somewhere, attempting to get in touch with God. Christianity is God reaching out to us.

As the coffee house was winding down, Brad invited his new friend to join him and some others for a smaller gathering downstairs. It turned out to be a prayer circle. Each of the people prayed in turn, and it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out they were heading his way.

He whispered to Brad, asking him what he should do. Brad replied that he could do anything he wanted to do. When the prayer wave got to him, he prayed a simple prayer, perhaps the first prayer he had ever prayed in his entire life. "Jesus, if You're who these people say You are, then please come into my life."

At that very moment, 27 years ago this weekend, my life was changed forever. When I prayed that simple prayer, I felt a warmth enveloping me, starting at my head and passing over me to my feet.

I knew, better than I had ever known anything before in my entire life, the presence of God with me. Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again." Like millions of other people, I had been born again.

If it could happen to me, it could happen to you. There is nothing so special about me. Jesus said, "Anyone who comes to Me I will never drive away." He speaks to each of us, one and all, no matter how far away from God we might feel.

Apart from God, anybody is lost. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

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Rev. Peter Monahan's column, "Reflections...", is a weekly feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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## News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Donna Schaper, Western Area Minister, will join us this week as our guest speaker. Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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There will be a Stewardship Luncheon held immediately following worship this Sunday, November 1st. All members are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Massachusetts Conference "Gifts & Promise" capital campaign.

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On Sunday, November 8th, we will welcome an Air Force Honor Guard from Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. The Honor Guard will Post the Colors at 9:45 a.m., with members of Agawam veterans' organizations following.

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The Ladies Benevolent Society has announced that they will serve their annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, November 14th. The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce and beet relish, butternut squash, rolls and butter, green beans almondine, beverage, and homemade pies.

For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732.

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There will be a Movie Night sponsored by the Board of Christian Education here on Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m. It will be your good luck to join us on this night of superstitions!

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On our calendar:

**Sunday, November 1st:** 10:00 a.m., Communion Service with Rev. Donna Schaper, followed by Stewardship Luncheon.

**Monday, November 2nd:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

**Tuesday, November 3rd:** 7:00 p.m., Stewardship & Missions in parlor; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, November 4th:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, November 5th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

## Help Is Needed For 1st Annual Agawam Thanksgiving Dinner

The Agawam-Feeding Hills Parish Association is pleased to announce that the first annual "Agawam Thanksgiving Day Dinner" will be held on Thursday, November 26th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church (21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills).

For many years, some of the churches in our town have worked hand-in-hand with the churches of West Springfield in preparing and serving Thanksgiving dinner for the residents of our area. Last year, 150 of our townspeople traveled to West Springfield Methodist Church to enjoy this dinner.

The time has come for us to provide an easier and closer way for them to do this. This is a tremendous undertaking for this new association, and we realize that it will only be a success with the help of all our town's churches.

Here are some ways you can help both before and during the dinner:

- Lots and lots of calls need to be made.
- We may need a truck to get all the groceries.
- On the day before Thanksgiving, fruit needs to be cut up and/or fruit baskets need to be made. What's more, tons of vegetables need to be pared and cut.
- We need those who like to cook, and those who like to serve.
- Tables must be set the day before the dinner, and the whole hall at Feeding Hills Congregational Church needs to be decorated in festive celebration.
- Transportation must be made available to those who don't drive, and hot meals need to be delivered to all who are shut-in.
- A variety of desserts will be needed to fill the "sweet tooth" of people of all ages.

The Parish Association asks that you please share this news about Agawam's first annual "Thanksgiving Day Dinner" with your church. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church families to support our community.

We'd like this community dinner to be our gift to the people of our town, to the families, to those who are alone, and to the shut-ins.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please call Art Theobald at 789-4271. THANK YOU!

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!*

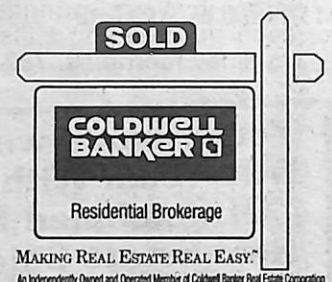
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## Church News - continued...

## Communion Sunday At First Baptist

The ordinance of holy communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Mercedes Gonzales-Barnes will give the communion message. The responsive reading will be led by Harry Durant. Special communion music will be offered by the choir.

In addition to classes for the younger set, this season two adult classes are available. An in-depth study of the bible, led by Rev. Mercy Barnes and Marianne Tompkins, is held in Lockhart Parlor, and a study of Baptist beliefs and practices, held in the upstairs study room, is guided by Pastor Richard Barnes. All adults are invited to attend either of these study groups.

The Religious Education committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Lockhart Parlor.

Coming up this week:

On Monday evening, the women of the church will celebrate Baptist Women's Day of Prayer with a special prayer service in the chapel. All women of the church are invited. Participants include Mercy Barnes, Nancy Edwards, Sharon Grabowski, and Jeanne Webster. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Amicitia and Sunshine Circles will hold their regular monthly meetings immediately following the prayer service.

The Jingle Valley Fair Chairpersons and the Women's Fellowship Executive Board will meet on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in Davis Hall.

On Friday, November 6th, Church Women United of Greater Springfield will hold a "World Community Day" at the Glendale United Methodist Church, 944 Glendale Road, Wilbraham, beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call the Church Office.

## Update On Open Pantry Satellite At F.H. Congregational

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry proudly opened a satellite site at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, in September.

The Feeding Hills site is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Any person from Agawam or Southwick should use this site and not the West Springfield location.

Anyone wishing to donate food or clothing to the Open Pantry is asked to continue to bring contributions to the Pantry at 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church site does not have the facilities or the personnel to accept donations. This site is for distribution only.

A counselor is also available in Feeding Hills on Thursday mornings.

If you have a question, please call the Open Pantry in West Springfield at 734-7969. You may reach the Feeding Hills location on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, 789-9165.

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## Sacred Heart's Events & Activities

### BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family the newly baptized:

**Alexis Brianna Langevin, Sabra Lee DeSteph, Julia Paige NaDolny, and Jenna Clair Bonasoni.** Congratulations to their parents and families.

### HOCKEY SEASON

Another hockey season's here! We have tickets for Saturday, November 14th, at 7:30 p.m.

All seats are \$6.50 (half-price). Take the family and come join us.

The Falcons will be playing Providence. For tickets, call Kathy Rondinelli (789-1326) or Brenda McDade (786-1545).

Deadline for tickets is November 11th.

### SCOUTS - CUB PACK 75

Cub Pack 75 is sponsored by Sacred Heart Church. If you are interested in joining and/or want more information, give us a call at 786-2309. If there is no answer, leave a message and phone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

1st Grade — Tiger Cubs.

2nd Grade — Bobcat and Wolf.

3rd Grade — Bear.

4th Grade — 1st-year Webelo.

5th Grade — 2nd-year Webelo.

We do lots of things and each group goes to different places. Each group has their own book to work on, and Tigers have their own and meet with an adult partner.

### HOLY EVE - HOLY SAINTS - HOLY SOULS

**Halloween** is the night of October 31st. The word means "hallowed" or "holy" evening. Halloween isn't just the way we end October; it is also the way we begin November.

On Halloween night, we begin the Church's month to remember the dead, with the holy evening progressing into **All Saints Day**.

**November 1st - All Saints:** We honor "famous Saints" of the past, and also the "quiet ones" (our family members, friends, and all the loved ones of our time).

**November 2nd - All Souls Day:** We devote our prayers and memories for all who have gone before us to our good and loving God.

*For photo coverage in The AAN, contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you!*

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## Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

### AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

This group meets on the second Thursday of every month (beginning on November 12th) from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Members are reminded to bring nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets.

For more information, call Frank 789-2764.

### ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is just about a month away. Raffle tickets have been mailed to each family in the parish.

Your support of this project is appreciated. Just drop the "Raffle Return" envelope in the collection basket.

The **BAZAAR** on **December 5th** is the major fundraiser by the Women's Club for the benefit of the parish.

### THE GIVING TREE

Our parish will be offering the **GIVING TREE PROJECT** again this year, and we anticipate your continuing generosity.

People are still talking about last year and how good it made everyone feel.

If you know of any families who are in need, please notify Sr. Fran White by November 5th.

## Latest Group Of Confirmed Members Of St. John's Church

Thirty-three St. John's high school seniors and seven other members of the parish recently completed their initiation process through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The following is a list of those confirmed:

Nicholas Bellefleur, Erik Bodurtha, Trina Bowler, Dawn Bucalo, Andrea Cizek, Danielle DeForge, Steve Dion, Jessica Dutton, James Dziedzina, Jr., David Gallerani, William Gensheimer, Jr., Angela Gontczaruk, Guinevere Gonyea, Michael Grimaldi, Laura Guyer, Lindsey Hadden, Joseph Halpy, Natasha Hatch, James Iannarelli, Alison Jackobek.

Daniel Jock, Kristina Kopacsy, Margaret Kopacsy, Caron Lacour, Lisa Marsh, Jennifer McGuire, Georgia Merrill, Joshua Miner, Noah Nault, Christina Perry, Richard Pioggia, Amy Powell, Stephanie Prout, Roberta Przybyla, Paul Sawyer, Alicyn Siano, Jason Sinay, Laura Tenerowicz, Katherine Theroux, and Christopher Trevethan.

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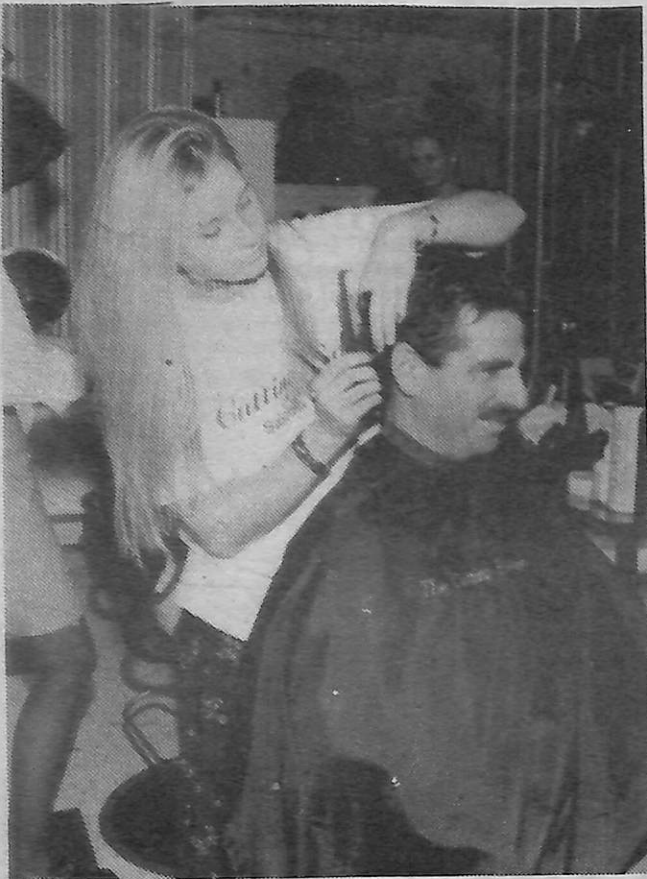
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## Spotlight On Business



ERICA GRAVEL gives Al Mangiaratti a trim during the Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa's recent fundraiser for the benefit of the Center of Hope in Westfield, a free cancer support community. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Westfield Bank Announces Third Quarter Report

Westfield Bank posted a strong third quarter with assets up \$20,400,045, bringing the total to \$582,757,816. Deposits increased more than \$17.8 million to end the quarter at \$510,166,628.

"A healthy regional economy and area businesses and consumers turning to locally controlled banks has once again helped Westfield Bank post strong numbers in the third quarter," said bank President Donald A. Williams. "With our asset base at almost \$600 million, the bank looks forward to opening its new branch in downtown Springfield in early 1999."

Business Loans for the quarter were up \$1,189,084, reaching a total of \$24,560,741. Consumer Loans increased \$6,374,291 for a total of \$39,059,924. Real Estate Loans were also up \$5,085,989, bringing that total to \$353,187,730.

Westfield Bank is a full service community bank with branch offices in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Southwick, West Springfield, and Westfield.

### Cutting Edge Salon Raises \$500 For Center Of Hope

On Sunday, October 18th, the Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa raised over \$500 in a benefit for the Center of Hope in Westfield, a free cancer support community.

The staff volunteered their services for an afternoon of haircutting, manicures, pedicures, and on-site chair massage.

This event kicked-off the Grand Opening of the Day Spa, introducing clients to the added services of Therapeutic Massage with licensed massage therapists Judy Popko and Monique Leahan, and the all-new staff of stylists, nail techs, and facial tech at the salon.

The Cutting Edge opened its doors three years ago in Feeding Hills Center and has since moved and expanded into the Galleria Shops as a Full Service Salon & Day Spa offering clients a "Day of Beauty" for any special occasion or just a day to be pampered.

A thank-you to all clients that helped make this event so successful and a thank-you for your continued patronage.



TRACY LOTTERMOSER receives a manicure from Terri Murphy on Sunday, October 18th, at the Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa. The Sunday fundraiser raised over \$500 for the Center of Hope. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"HOW SHORT DO YOU WANT IT???" Denise LaPointe, owner of the Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa, cuts Jessica Mason's hair during the salon's October 18th fundraiser for the Center of Hope. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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- Adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM). A loan with an interest rate that fluctuates according to the movements of a predetermined index.
- Conventional mortgages are labeled as such to differentiate them from government-backed loans such as FHA or VA loans.

- Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). These government loans are available to persons of moderate to very low income in rural or non-metropolitan areas.

- FHA-insured loan. Insured by the Federal Housing Authority, these loans will insure a mortgage on a new or existing single-family house for a high percent of the property value. Down payments are low and loans are assumable.

- Fixed-rate mortgage. A loan with an interest rate and monthly payments that do not vary.

- VA-guaranteed loan. Guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, these loans are available to eligible veterans to buy, refinance, construct, or repair a home.

For more real estate financing information, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

*A reminder to service organizations, church groups, etc.: please be sure to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!*

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

## McKenna Orthodontics To Hold Open House At New Office This Friday

To celebrate 80 years of bringing healthy smiles to the Pioneer Valley, McKenna Orthodontics is hosting an open house at its new Feeding Hills office on Friday, October 30th from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held at 3:15 p.m. All are invited to attend this special event.

The new McKenna building, custom designed for state-of-the-art orthodontic treatment features digital photography, nickel titanium arch wires,

and high heat sterilization. It is located at 1285 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. McKenna Orthodontics also has a Chicopee office located at 9 Trilby Avenue.

McKenna Orthodontics was founded in 1918 by Paul McKenna, DMD. As one of only two orthodontists in the region, patients came to McKenna Orthodontics from as far as Vermont and New York.

Paul McKenna II, DMD, has carried on his father's tradition, and now is teamed up with his

own son, Stephen McKenna, DMD. Over the decades, more than 15,000 Pioneer Valley residents have turned to McKenna Orthodontics for quality care and service.

At the 80th anniversary celebration, guests will tour the new facilities and meet the staff who will answer any questions about the newest advances in orthodontics. Drs. Paul and Stephen McKenna will be on hand to greet patients, old and new.

For more information about the open house, contact Karen Geoffroy at 413-786-4000.

### Legal Memo

by

Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.  
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#### Motor Vehicle Accident Claim: Health Care Provider Is Reimbursed From Personal Injury Claim

A Plaintiff who had received a lump-sum settlement for injuries in a motorcycle accident had to turn over the money he had received — except for funds designated as attorney's fees — to his health care provider as reimbursement for services as U.S. District Court judge ruled.

The Plaintiff argued that, pursuant to the "make whole" doctrine, he should be forced to pay only for the excess received from the settlement over the actual loss after deducting costs and expenses.

But the judge rules that the health care provider could enforce its lien in full, less the Plaintiff's attorney's fees.

The "make whole" doctrine "is, in my opinion, an impractical solution in the area of personal injury settlements," wrote the judge. "Where a Plaintiff has a serious physical injury, as here, there is no practical way of measuring the value of his pain and suffering, and the diminution of the quality of his life, without an evidentiary hearing."

In so ruling, the judge also found that the Plaintiff's claims for breach of contract and unfair or deceptive business practices and the health-care provider's claim to enforce its lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, Sections 70A-D were all preempted by ERISA.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

#### Mini-Workshop On "Working The Room Like A Pro"

Any time two or more people are gathered together, it's a networking opportunity. Are you recognizing this as a tremendous potential to enhance your personal life and at the same time grow your business?

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- listen and remember people's names
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You'll learn how to engage in the big payoffs of "small talk." And, you'll leave enthused and with sharpened tools to help you to get the most from working any room, anywhere.

Sasha ZeBryk brings joy and enthusiasm to all her topics. Speaker, trainer, teacher, she currently presents seminars on customer service, savvy networking, and presentation skills to corporations and organizations.

Sasha's third Annual **WHOLE Woman Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at the Colosseum Banquet House. This year's theme is **Celebrating the WHOLE Woman—Mentor, Motivator, Mediator, Muse.**

Call Sasha at 413-821-0086 for more information.

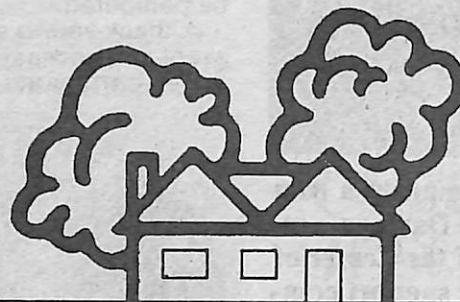
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### Medicare Payments

**Question:** As a senior citizen (over 65), I recently visited a chiropractor with excellent results. Unfortunately, I was never reimbursed for the money I spent on the x-rays that revealed my problem. Why?

**Answer:** The current Medicare program allows doctors of chiropractic to perform "manual manipulation of the spine," but requires a diagnostic spinal x-ray, which is not covered when performed by a chiropractor.

Absurd, ridiculous, wrong. These are the first three words that come to my mind when it comes to the inappropriate treatment of our seniors by the Medicare insurance program.

Chiropractic's two national associations (The International Chiropractic Association and The American Chiropractic Association) are promoting a grassroots legislative effort to pass a chiropractic amendment to the Medicare bill that has been in existence for over two decades.

The bill's amendment, H.R. 997, has been introduced by Philip Crane (R-IL) to reword title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover chiropractic examinations, manipulations, and x-rays. H.R. 997 has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Crane serves as that committee's ranking Republican member.

The current Medicare program is spending over \$100 million each year on chiropractic services, representing less than one percent of total Medicare spending. Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas), a member of the Health Subcommittee who recently toured Parker College of Chiropractic, dubbed current Medicare reimbursement for chiropractic services as anti-competitive, and that he would encourage support for the reform bill.

Both national associations emphasize the need for chiropractors and their patients to call and write their representative to urge them to become co-sponsors of the bill. The associations have both prepared strategies for action. For more information, call the ACA at (703) 276-8800, ext. 224, or the ICA at 1-800-243-4690.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office is available to answer your questions. Call 789-1369.

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## Unique Approach To Treatment For Breast Cancer

You have just been diagnosed with breast cancer and you are confused, frightened of the unknown. What does a diagnosis mean? What are your options?

October is National Breast Cancer Month, and women owe it to themselves to learn more about breast cancer, early detection, and early intervention, as well as the options available to them today, noted Dr. Grace Makari-Judson, medical director of Baystate Medical Center's Comprehensive Breast Center.

Baystate's Comprehensive Breast Center is located at 3400 Main Street in Springfield, and is only one of its kind in Western Massachusetts. It offers women with a known diagnosis of breast cancer the benefit of a multidisciplinary approach to their cancer.

"Although we are coming to the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Baystate Medical Center wants to keep the focus on its Comprehensive Breast Center," said Dr. Makari-Judson.

"In a single visit," she continued, "a woman diagnosed with breast cancer will see a medical oncologist, surgical oncologist, radiation oncologist, and a plastic surgeon."

Mammograms and pathology slides are reviewed during the Center's multidisciplinary breast pathology conference. The primary care physician is later available for a discussion which occurred at the multidisciplinary consultation so that they can have a high level of involvement in their patient's treatment program.

"By involving specialists from a number of fields, we can provide the most current treatment options available, as well as access to clinical research studies," said Dr. Makari-Judson. "In addition to her physicians, the patient is respected as an integral part of the team in constructing an optimal treatment program. It is in a woman's best interest to have input from all the specialists involved up front in order to provide the most coordinated care," said Dr. Makari-Judson.

As an extension of its multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer, Baystate's Comprehensive Breast Center also provides rehabilitation programs, nutrition services, and support groups in both English and Spanish.

All women also benefit from the Center's education and outreach programs. A library, featuring books and videos about breast cancer, as well as computers for literature search, is available at the Center to help educate patients in making informed decisions.

Baystate Medical Center's Comprehensive Breast Center provides a wide range of services for women who need routine screening, high-risk screening, and women with breast cancer.

A breast cancer clinic for seniors will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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**Smoking Cessation Group:** Wednesdays, November 11th, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

and open to individuals recovering from their support persons. Discussion at these meetings will be facilitated by Barbara S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Wednesday, November 24th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

and open to individuals suffering from their support persons. Discussion at this meeting will be

Wednesday, November 11th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

and open to individuals with respiratory difficulties.

Thomas A. Tremblay, RRT, will give an update on smoking.

### S/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

**Injury Clinic:** Thursdays, November 19th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Westfield.

The clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic evaluation by a certified athletic trainer based upon the evaluation, remedial physician referral may be recom-

mended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes":** Sundays, November 15th and 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, November 18th and 25th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

## Atrium Announces Support Groups For Caretakers Of Alzheimer's Patients

Atrium on Cardinal Drive in Agawam, the only assisted living residence designed for memory loss, announces two support groups for individuals caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or a related memory disorder.

The assisted living facility in Agawam is the only monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The facilitator is Geraldine

well-known for her understanding of Alzheimer's disease in the community. The next meeting is November 3rd, and the topic will be helping caregivers through the holidays.

A support group is held on the third day of every month in the Community

Room at the Fairfield Mall in Chicopee. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The facilitator is Georgina Moroney, EdD, Gerontologist, Professor Emeritus UMass., and Pastoral Minister.

A special feature of the group is that daycare can be provided on a limited basis through the Senior Companion Program. Advance notice is required to be certain there is adequate volunteer coverage while the caregiver attends the support group. The next scheduled meeting for this group is November 18th.

For more information on either of these meetings, please contact Judy at The Atrium, 413-821-9911.

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### BAYSTATE - from Page 27...

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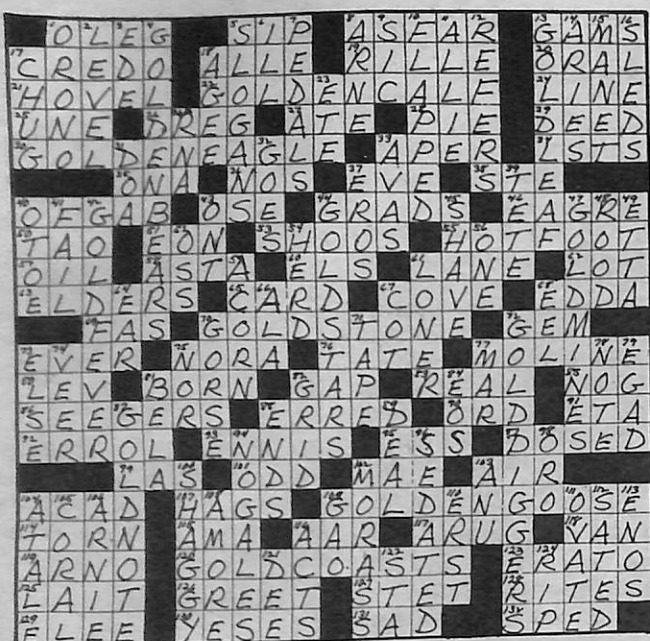
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16 Sams  
20 Baseball or football  
21 Fair to middlin'  
22 Foot part  
23 Complete  
25 Notable time period  
27 J. Davis' land  
28 Annes  
34 Mid East org. once  
35 Sailors' patron saint  
36 "From — to shinning..."  
37 Small  
39 Arafat's group  
41 Hemingway nickname  
45 "— the season to be..."  
48 "— ran" (loser)  
51 Mr. Van Winkle  
52 Als  
57 Arrange (abbr.)  
58 Shade tree  
59 Equal (prefix)  
60 River (Spanish)  
61 Meadows  
64 Greek letter  
67 Marys  
72 Scary  
73 June 6, 1944  
74 God of love  
75 Curly's buddy  
76 Alike  
77 Back of the neck

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2 "Ding —"  
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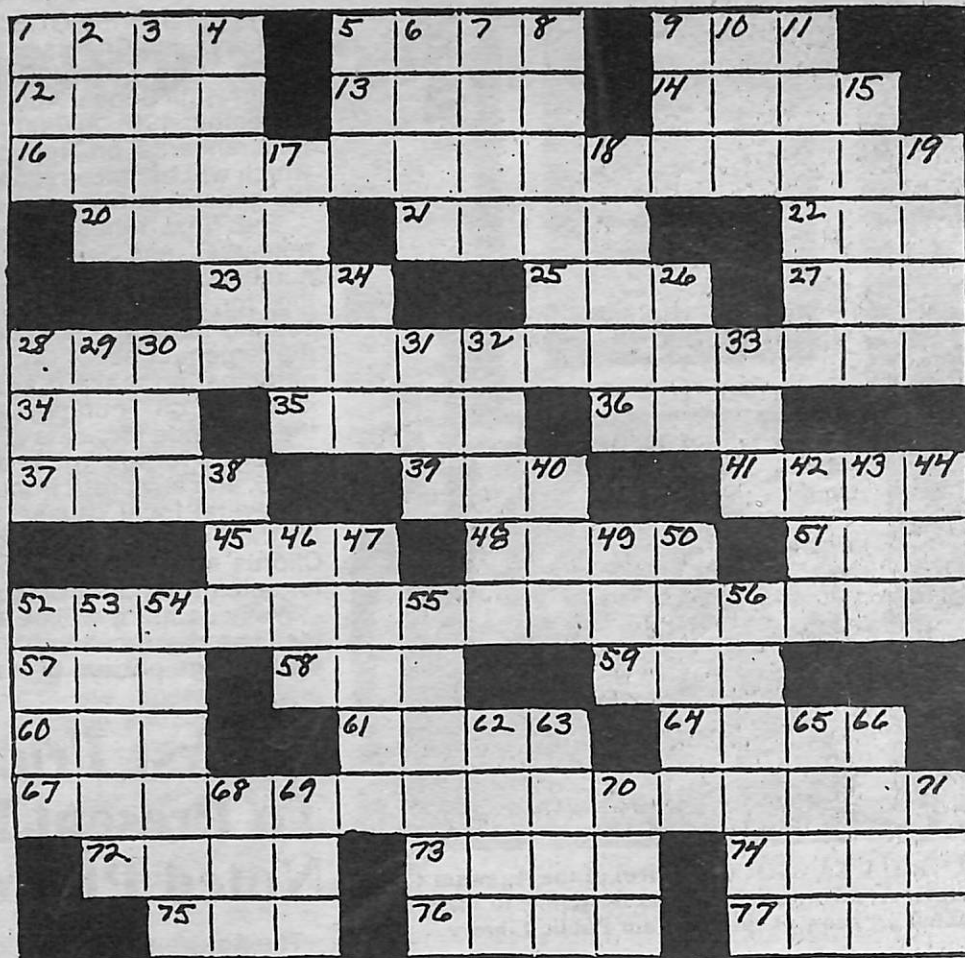
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15 Without meter  
17 "Al —" (firm in cooking)  
18 Israeli dances  
19 Letter opener  
24 Dover's state  
26 "We — not amused"  
28 Panhandler  
29 "Norma —"  
30 Hockey great  
31 Electrical unit for short  
32 Ryan the pitcher  
33 Head covering

### 38 Ike's WWII command

- 40 On in years  
42 Onassis  
43 Brooch  
44 Mimer  
46 Chemical suffix  
47 "— bill of goods"  
49 Hit the slopes  
50 Desert watering hole  
52 Dear (Italian)  
53 Spring up  
54 For the time being  
55 Corrects  
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66 Over  
68 Spanish gold  
69 Type of whiskey  
70 Sailor's yes  
71 Mao — Tung

## Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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FLORIDA TANGOCCI (above) of the Agawam Community Artists cordially invites the public to the artists' annual art show at the Agawam Public Library.

## Agawam Community Artists Schedule Annual Art Show

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their annual art show on Friday, October 30th, at the Agawam Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Various ongoing demonstrations will be presented throughout Friday night's opening reception from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Demonstrating artists will include John Wiley (watercolors), Barbara Cohen (pastels), Alexandra Walters (colored pencils), and Helene Gates (decorative arts).

Please join us during this year's show. Come to meet some of the 20 talented local artists represented and enjoy their beautiful works.

The exhibit will continue on Saturday, October 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## "Open" Final Rehearsal For "Memories" Concert

The "Memories Of Broadway" Concert by the Memory Lane Chorus of the Senior Center and the Junior High School Chorus (to be held at the Junior High School Auditorium on Friday evening, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m.) will hold an "open" final rehearsal on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. which will be free and open to senior citizens and the general public.

The final rehearsal will not be a full dress rehearsal and will not include some of the numbers that the Junior High Chorus will be doing for the Friday performance. But, limited seating capacity at the Junior High School and the large number of Chorus members who will be participating make it advisable to hold the open rehearsal on Thursday afternoon to help relieve the demands for seats at the Friday performance.

Tickets for the Friday evening performance will be \$5, and any profit from the concert will be given to several local causes. Advance sale of tickets for the Friday performance will be available from Chorus members, and there may not be any left for sale at the door on concert night.

We hope many will be able to take advantage of the Thursday rehearsal, which will be free and present a large portion of the complete production.

## "First Friday" Series To Present Program By Noted Photo Naturalist

The Agawam Cultural Council is pleased to present noted photo naturalist Roger S. Hart of Lenox as part of its "First Friday" series on Friday, November 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam.

The title of Hart's presentation will be "Nature's Paintbrush." His program is an audio-visual exploration of color in nature and is represented by its own series of color slides and music.

Hart's primary interest is nature photography and he presents multi-image presentations to audiences all over New England and also markets a series of fine art nature prints. His photographs have been featured on Quality Printing's "A Closer Look at the Berkshires" calendar and the City Savings Bank of Pittsfield calendar.

Hart's photographs have also appeared in *The Berkshire Eagle* and have been used by both United Press International and the Associated Press.

His upcoming presentation at the Agawam Public Library is free and open to the public. It is supported by the Agawam Cultural Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## Bay Path Production



MARK MICKEY of Feeding Hills and Maria Medina are in Bay Path College's upcoming production of the Gershwin musical, "My One and Only." For specific information regarding performance dates and ticket reservations, please call (413) 565-5390 weekdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Tickets Still Available For Agawam Cultural Council's NYC Trip

Tickets are still available for the Agawam Cultural Council's plan-your-own trip to New York City on Saturday, November 21st.

Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue for the convenience of those attending, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, the Times Square Show Ticket Booth, 34th Street, and South Street Seaport.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council," along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$20.

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## Education

# School Dept. On The Move To Restore Guidance Services

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Just over a week after a popular Agawam High School guidance counselor began serving a 30-day suspension without pay for his part in a bizarre gun-handling incident at the school, the School Department received notification that Alan R. Cohen will seek an appeal of the disciplinary action.

In addition to being suspended by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski, Cohen was demoted from his post as the director of guidance at the Middle School, Junior High, and High School by School Superintendent Frank Ameruso less than two months after assuming responsibility for coordinating the guidance departments at the three schools.

Ameruso said he will appoint a new guidance coordinator after candidates from within the school system have been interviewed by a committee comprised of Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski and school principals Ralph Zavarella, Kevin Littlefield, and Zabielski. The job has been posted and interviews are expected to be conducted next week.

Cohen began serving his suspension on October 15th and is expected back on the job in mid-November. In the meantime, the 125 students in Cohen's caseload are receiving guidance services from counselors Judy Cohen, Jane Williams, and a part-time substitute who has been hired to cover two periods of the school day.

Zabielski said the school was fortunate to be able to hire Dawn Fisher to help pick up the slack until Cohen returns next month. Mrs. Fisher, a part-time English teacher at the school, is also a

certified guidance counselor who did her internship at AHS.

"We can weather the storm because this is a temporary situation," Zabielski said. "Our career center has been doing college profiles for the seniors, and Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo (former guidance director) has been helping out with things like letters of recommendation. Things get more hectic with the seniors in December and January when they are facing college application deadlines, but Mr. Cohen will be back by then."

### Zabielski Feels Suspension Was Fair...

Although he meted out the maximum penalty allowed under state law short of outright termination, Zabielski said he felt the suspension was fair considering the enormity of the lapse in judgement Cohen displayed in a gun-waving incident described by parents, students, and school officials as stupid, senseless, and just plain dumb.

While the situation seemed to hint of danger, Ameruso said no one had been in any actual danger as the gun was not loaded. "This was an act of terribly bad judgement," Ameruso said.

The September 28th incident, for which community resource Agawam Police Officer Andrew Parrelli was demoted to routine third-shift patrols for allowing Cohen to handle his service pistol after removing the magazine and making sure the weapon was unloaded, was investigated by the District Attorney's Office. No charges were filed after it was determined that there had been no threat to public safety.

Zabielski said school officials, parents, and the students are all looking forward to Cohen's return as a powerful, pro-student advocate who is willing to go the extra mile to help students and their families.

"We all want to see Mr. Cohen back on the job. He's a very talented counselor and he's done so much for so many kids," Zabielski said. "He will remain as the co-advisor to the senior class and kids are happy he'll be back. They know this was a big mistake, nice guy or not."

On Tuesday, Ameruso received notification from the Commissioner of Education stating that a petition has been filed on Cohen's behalf requesting an arbitration to review his suspension from his position at the school.

### The Next Step - Choosing A Mediator...

Ameruso said the next step in the process will be choosing a mediator who is satisfactory to both sides in the dispute. In the near future, the American Arbitration Association will send a list of three possible mediators to both the School Department and Cohen for their mutual approval.

Since Parrelli was reassigned to the night watch, D.A.R.E. officer Karen Langevin has been filling in as much as possible as the high school's community resource officer, Zabielski said.

Although the community resource officer typically spends less than two hours a day at the school, Zabielski said the position is a useful service to help kids understand legal issues, particularly with the new rules for licensing teenage drivers, and also serves as a source of career information in the law enforcement field.

## 'Parenting Group' Beginning Nov. 5th At Granger School

Has parenting become a challenge? Do you need help and understanding? Do you have questions?

A "Parenting Group" will be held on Thursday evenings beginning November 5th and running through January 28, 1999 at the Granger School library from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Presenters will include Phyllis A. Lewis, principal, and Larry Harbeson, Adjustment Counselor.

This will be a teaching experience and a chance for discussion. Each week, a different issue will be covered, including "You and Your Child," "Beliefs and Feelings," "Helping Children Cooperate," "Encouraging You and Your Child," "Discipline," "Competition," "Logical Consequences," "Punishment," "Conflict Resolution," "How Does Your Child Grow?"

Are you interested? All are welcome. For questions and to sign-up (no charge), call Phyllis Lewis at 821-0581 or Larry Harbeson at 821-0580.

## Daniel M. Beaudette Attending Wesleyan University In CT

Daniel M. Beaudette, the son of Daniel Beaudette and Patricia Beaudette of 54 Cecile St. in Agawam, has enrolled as a first-year student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Beaudette, a graduate of Suffield Academy, is among a total of 721 men and women who began classes as first-year students at Wesleyan this fall. Wesleyan's freshmen represent 32 percent of the 5,727 high school students who applied last year. Forty-two percent of the class was admitted Early Decision.

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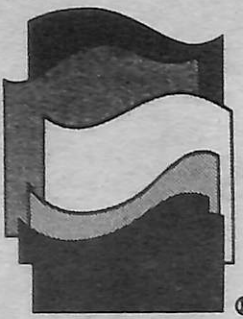
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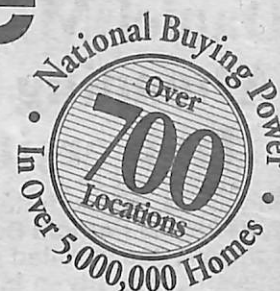


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**Wednesday, November 4th:** Sliced deli turkey breast in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, apple crisp, milk.

**Thursday, November 5th:** Meatball sandwich in roll, buttered macaroni & broccoli, fresh Mac apple or orange Jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, November 6th:** Crunchy battered fish nuggets, oven potato rounds with catsup, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, bread & butter, ice cream, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

## Hepatitis B Vaccine Available To Seniors At Agawam High

The Agawam Health Department will be offering immunizations against hepatitis B to all 12th-grade students.

Information about the disease and vaccine was mailed home to each 12th-grade parent/guardian on October 12th. The vaccine will be given during school hours to students who have written parental permission.

Parents are reminded that completed parental consent forms must be returned to the high school nurse's office no later than October 30, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact Randy White, Health Agent, at 786-0400, ext. 207; Catherine Hallaman, School Nurse, at 821-0504; or contact your child's physician.

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## Veteran Educators To Serve As Mentors To New Agawam Teachers

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Finding your way around a new school, fitting in with a new peer group, having someone to eat lunch with, learning a new set of rules, feeling overwhelmed by the work.

Everyone who's ever been a student at a new school remembers those first days of school. But most of us probably never realized that some of our teachers were feeling just as lost and alone.

Fortunately for new teachers in Agawam, resurrecting and refining a mentoring program has become a district-wide priority, and the School Department has received a \$25,000 grant to fund a Beginning Teacher Induction Program aimed at welcoming and supporting new teachers with the goal of improved student learning.

First-year teachers and teachers new to the Agawam School System are being paired with veteran teachers in a formal mentoring program funded for this academic year by a grant from the state. Mentor teachers are paid an annual stipend of \$300 as well as \$50 per day for two day-long training workshops presented by the Acton-based consulting firm Teachers 21.

The training centers on the needs and stages of beginning teachers; the roles and responsibilities of the mentor; and the knowledge and skills needed for effective mentoring.

Ultimately, the school administration hopes to work out an agreement with the Agawam Education Association (teachers' union) that will allow the program to become self-sustaining through support by the teachers' contract and the school budget.

According to Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Mary A. Czajkowski, the mentoring program is based on the program developed and implemented in grades seven through 12 by math coordinator Lorraine Alves three years ago.

### Pleased With The Level Of Response...

Ms. Czajkowski said she was pleased with the level of response from teachers wishing to sign on as mentors. Of the 35 mentor positions funded by the grant, 34 were filled by veteran staffers hoping to give back to the system by helping new teachers.

"I thought it was very nice that many of the mentors said they were interested in the program because they remembered their first year and they wanted to give back what they had been given by their colleagues," Ms. Czajkowski said.

Second-grade teacher Margaret Bitzas remembers how much she appreciated the help of the teachers who served as her unofficial mentors

when she began working at Clark School.

"Everybody's new at one time or another and when you get some help, you really appreciate it," Mrs. Bitzas said. "I was hoping to help a new teacher and make them feel welcome and comfortable here."

Beginning her third year as the Junior High School Substance Abuse Prevention counselor, Wendy Bradley is still learning things about the school.

"Certainly there are lots of ins and outs that you just don't know — all of the same things the kids go through like learning the building and the schedule," Ms. Bradley said. "I feel very lucky that my office is in close proximity to some very knowledgeable and friendly folks who have helped me a lot."

Although the original program met with great success in the 1996-1997 school year (as documented by the trained mentors and the protégé teachers), a change in administration at the High School, coupled with the upcoming High School accreditation and revision of curriculum (as well as a change in superintendents and a restructuring of the central office), precluded the implementation of the mentoring program last year, Ms. Czajkowski said.

### "... Provide Some Sort Of Support System ..."

"With the hiring of 18 new teachers this year and the need for 14 new teachers next year, we knew we were going to have to provide some sort of support system," Ms. Czajkowski said. "Also, within the next three to four years, we are going to have a significant number of retirements of our veteran teaching staff."

Last spring, 112 teachers and administrators were honored for their 25 years or more of service to the school system at a celebration sponsored by the Agawam Education Association.

In addition to an expected influx of new teachers due to retirements in the near future, increasing student enrollment will require the hiring of more new teachers, Ms. Czajkowski said.

Under the mentoring program, new teachers will benefit by increasing their understanding of the learning standards mandated in the state curriculum frameworks; improving their teaching and classroom management strategies; and developing collegial relationships for support and encouragement.

For the mentor teachers, the program will be a rejuvenating experience and an opportunity for sustained professional development, Ms. Czajkowski said.

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## "Oliver!" In Rehearsal At Agawam High...



JUSTIN GORMAN (left) as Mr. Bumble tries to restrain Oliver (Jay Yarymowicz, top) from beating Noah (Matt Godfrey) while the Sowerberrys (played by Crystal Rivers, Mike Kirk, and Tara Fleming) react to the altercation in Agawam High School's upcoming musical production of "Oliver!" The cast of 75 under the direction of Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora will present the Broadway hit on Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the AHS auditorium. All tickets are only \$5 each and may be reserved by calling 562-3366.

## Matthew G. Nay Of Troop 78 Attains Rank Of Eagle Scout

Matthew G. Nay, a Boy Scout with Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam, received his Eagle Scout rank at a banquet held on September 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Highlights of the banquet included a selection by the Trinity Lutheran Church choir. Presentations by Representative Paul Caron, church president Steve Spinn, Trinity Lutheran Church Trustee Neville Bogle, and Troop 78 committee chairman Bruce Linder were given.

Those attending the banquet were able to view Matthew's completed Eagle Scout project, which included painting the fellowship hall where the banquet was held. A delicious meal was served at the conclusion of the banquet which was prepared by church member Shirley Pappiano.

Matthew is currently the Senior Patrol leader for Troop 78.

His future plans include participating in the World Jamboree to be held in Chile from December 26, 1998 to January 10, 1999.

Matthew is a sophomore at the High School of Science and Technology in Springfield and a member of the school's swim team. As a communicant member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Matthew is an active member in church programs, including teaching Vacation Bible School the past two summers.



MATTHEW G. NAY

## Agawam Junior High Slates Parent/Teacher Conference Night

On Thursday, November 19th, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

During the week of November 9th, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences. Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 821-0566, either Monday, November 16th or Tuesday, November 17th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation, but still wish to see an individual teacher, should contact the guidance office on Wednesday, November 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling Wednesday, but not able to schedule an appointment for November 19th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

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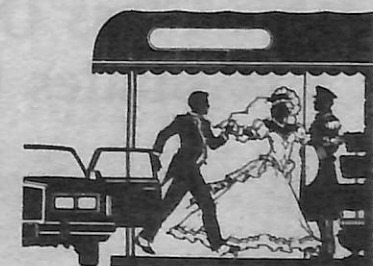
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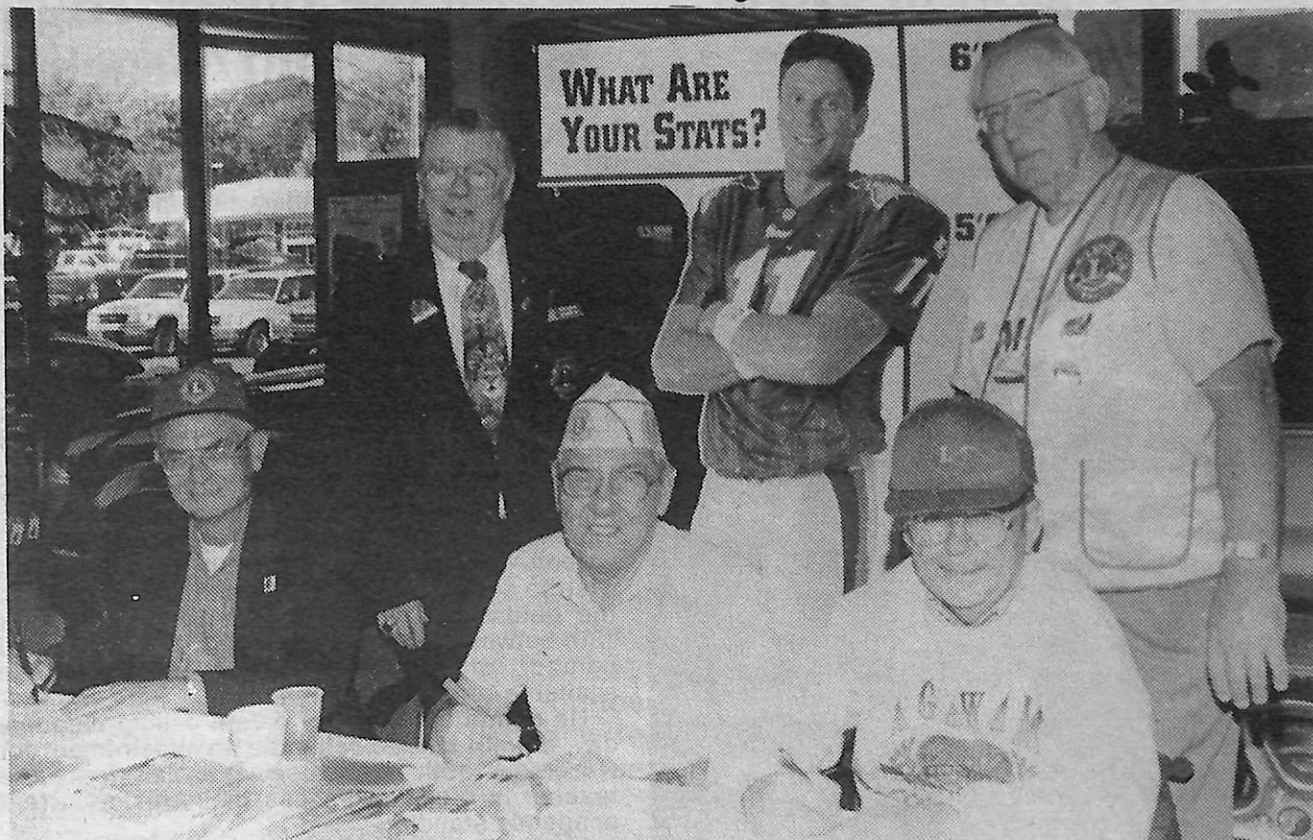
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## Lions Promote Safety At Sarat Ford



LAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, Sarat Ford Sales of Agawam hosted a "Project KidCare" Photo ID event whereby parents obtained free, standardized, high-quality photographs of their children for their KidCare ID booklets. During this event, members of the Agawam Lions helped the Agawam Police Department in the recording of information and picture-taking. Back row - Lions Club members Jim Loomis and Joe Guy; front row - club members Ray Favreau, Matt Blackak, and Dennis Buell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AS PART OF "Project KidCare" at Sarat Ford, Agawam Lions Club members assisted the Agawam Police Department in the sale of specially-priced bicycle safety helmets: From left to right: Robert D. Campbell (Agawam Police Chief and Lions Club President), Officer Karen Langevin, Jeff Sarat, Ray Olson (Lions Club member), and Officer Anthony Cichetti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS's Class Of 1988 Seeks "Missing" Classmates For 10-Year Reunion

We are unable to locate the following classmates for the Agawam High School 10-year reunion to be held on Friday evening, November 27th, at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

If you have any information regarding the following names, please call Maureen Hersey at (413) 788-9918. Please leave a message on the answering machine if there is no answer.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in November!

Marlene Alevras, Kathy Allen, Steve Amato, Karen Arnold, Salvador Avalos, Kevin Barlow, Sheri Bassette-Henchey, Danielle Beaulieu, Jennifer Beaulieu, Scott Bovat, Matt Bowers, Todd Brown, Nick Buoniconti.

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## Agawam High School Guidance News

by Judy Cohen, AHS Guidance Dept.

### Communication Tips For Parents & Kids

Communication is a five-syllable word with so much packed into it. According to the dictionary, communication is a process by which information is shared between people.

Communication needs a sender and a receiver. After all, you can speak aloud, but if no one hears you, what good is it? Of course, sometimes as a parent, you speak to your youngster, you have a receiver, but you really don't feel you are heard at all!!!

Think about the word communication. Without it, where would we be? How would we make our wants known? How could we express anger, fear, or love? How could we understand others' desires? How could we share with others, learn from them, or help them? How could we develop and grow?

Since the communication process is so important, I have listed useful tips to facilitate the process. The tips do work, so give them a try and watch your communication skills soar! You'll be amazed at what you learn about your kids in the process.

1. Teach your child to listen. Gently touch a child before you talk. Say his/her name. In this way, he/she will know whom you are addressing and attention will be directed toward you.

2. Speak in a quiet voice. Whisper sometimes so your youngster will have to listen. Believe it or not, shouting shuts down listening skills; normal tones enhance them.

3. Look a child in the eyes so you can see if understanding is taking place. If the child is much smaller than you, bend down to become more the child's size. How intimidating it must be to look up and see someone looming over you!

4. Practice listening and talking. Talk with your family about what you see on TV, what you've heard on the radio, what you've seen in the store, what you've witnessed on the playing field. Listen, too, to responses you will be eliciting.

5. Respect your child and use a courteous tone of voice. If you use profanity, he/she will use it with you. Remember, a child learns through example.

6. Praise your child for being good, for cooperating with you, for doing those little things that you might otherwise take for granted.

7. Use door openers that invite your child to say more about incidents or feelings. Using words and phrases such as "I see," "Tell me more," "Say that again; I want to make sure I understand you," "Really," invite more comments and show that you are paying attention.

8. Praise builds a child's confidence and reinforces communication. Unkind words stifle communication and give the idea that the kid's message is not important.

9. A child is never too old to be told he/she is loved. Remember, girls as well as boys like to receive praise. Even if a son might outwardly give you other vibes, he, too, enjoys hugs and positive reinforcement.

10. Give your undivided attention when your child speaks to you. Don't read, watch TV, fall asleep, or keep yourself busy with other tasks. Otherwise, how can you tell your child to listen to you when you speak?

Enjoy being with your child and you will give your child license to enjoy being with you. Start listening, speaking, and sharing. It's amazing what you will learn!

From the High School ... Dates to Remember:

Warning notices issued: October 9th, December 18th, March 12th, May 21st

Report cards issued: November 13th, February 5th, April 16th. The last report card will be determined according to how many snow days occur during the year.

November 16th - Parents' Night, the perfect time to learn how your child is doing.

## "Pumpkin Night" Slated For October 29th At Agawam High

The Agawam High School Band will sponsor "Pumpkin Night" on Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Come see the PUMPKIN PATCH at the Agawam High School and be ready for a little spook. Kids and adults will have a great time. There will be face painting, a haunted hay field, and more Jack-O-Lanterns than you could believe.

It is only \$2 for an adult and \$1 for a student to enter the pumpkin patch and the hay field. For the face painting, donations will be collected. There will also be refreshments available.

Hope to see you there!





## October Poems Count-A-Word Poetry

by Grade 2, Room 16  
Mrs. Sharon Gendron  
Granger School

Halloween  
scary ghosts  
black and white  
trick-or-treat smell my feet  
black and orange  
scary ghosts  
Halloween

Jennifer Hensel

Halloween  
Dracula blood  
Dracula drinks blood  
pumpkins are ripe  
orange pumpkins  
Halloween

Cory Barrington

Ghosts  
haunted houses  
ghosts are scary  
I love Halloween alot  
I love ghosts  
scary ghosts  
Ghosts

Kaila Pirnie

Halloween  
jack-o-lanterns, pumpkins  
houses are haunted  
my friend and I  
go around town  
two ghosts  
Halloween

Kaitlyn Weyant

Halloween  
Halloween's cool  
Halloween is spooky  
children will be trick-or-treating

Halloween is scary  
spooky stories  
Halloween

Dalton Ashwell

Halloween  
Dracula, mummies  
ghosts, pumpkins, fall  
Witches fly away today  
Dracula, mummies, fall  
witches fly  
Halloween

Michael Cote

Halloween  
leaves falling  
pumpkins are ripe  
a ghosts says boo  
witches are flying  
witch's broom  
Halloween

Gena Mangiaratti

Halloween  
Halloween's cool  
mummies come out  
On Halloween it's cool  
kids go trick-or-treating  
It's fall  
Halloween

Britteney Connell

Halloween  
houses haunted  
costumes are nice  
houses are looking haunted  
haunted houses  
costumes pretty  
Halloween

Kathryn Malone

Halloween  
ghost stories  
pumpkins are ripe  
pumpkins are getting ripe  
playing in leaves  
playing house  
Halloween

Andrew Mattarazzo

Ghosts  
white, yellow  
ghosts scare me  
ghosts are really scary  
they say booooooo  
boo, boo  
Ghosts

Joseph Milillo

Halloween  
was fun  
we got candy  
we had lots done  
boo, boo ghosts  
haunted house  
Halloween

Meaghan O'Neill

Witches  
scary, ugly  
fly on brooms  
they make witch stew  
they have cats  
black, green  
Witches

Abbey Massaro

SEE POEMS - Page 38...



THE SECOND-GRADE students of Mrs. Sharon Gendron (Room 16) at Granger Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## What Halloween Means To Us...

by Grade 1, Room 22  
Miss Nancy Burns  
Granger School

*H* is for hats on witches

*A* is for apples falling from trees

*L* is for laughs from silly costumes

*L* is for lollipops in our bags

*O* is for orange pumpkins

*W* is for webs and witches

*E* is for excited children

*E* is for eerie ghosts

*N* is for nighttime bats

MISS NANCY BURNS' first-grade students from Room 22 at Granger Elementary School.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## POEMS - from Page 37...

Witches  
black cats  
fly on brooms  
they have black hats  
they are scary  
bat stew  
Witches

Ashley Roncalli

Dracula  
he sleeps  
he scares people  
he's out at night  
he likes Halloween  
black, red  
Dracula

Cody Raymond

Halloween  
I'm trick-or-treating  
Halloween is spooky  
ghosts come out tonight  
it is fun  
black, orange  
Halloween

Matthew Lemieux

Halloween  
I trick-or-treat  
orange and black  
I'm a Power Ranger  
Halloween is run  
candy, candy  
Halloween

Mason Richard

Halloween  
I'm trick-or-treating  
you look scary  
haunted houses are scary  
you are scary  
scary graveyards  
Halloween

Brandon Learned

Witches  
are flying  
they are scary  
they fly on brooms  
they wear black  
bat stew  
Witches

Ashley Scott

Frankenstein  
scary ghost  
witches throw candy.  
the ghost says boo-  
candy is sweet  
boo boo  
Frankenstein

Michelle Curtis

October  
witches, vampires  
ghosts, pumpkins, bats  
black cats, haunted houses  
Halloween is coming  
I trick-or-treat  
October

Jonathan Fondakowski

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MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 78 from the Springfield Turnverein were definitely "ship-shape" after spending a night aboard the Battleship USS Massachusetts in Fall River.

## Springfield Turnverein's Boy Scout Troop 78 Spends A Night On Battleship Massachusetts

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein spent the night of October 11, 1998 living aboard the Battleship USS Massachusetts in Fall River.

The troop members learned something about a "battle wagon" in World War II. They also explored the submarine *USS Lionfish*, the destroyer *USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.*, the Russian-built missile corvette *Hidden Sea*, and the only two PT boats

on display anywhere in the world. Included among the other displays are a Japanese Shinyo kamikaze boat, a "Huey" helicopter, LCM (landing craft, mechanized); and T-20 Trojan trainer plane.

The trip has enabled the troop members to better understand and appreciate contributions made by armed service personnel memorialized at Battleship Cove.

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## Sports

Bombers Football In Town...

### Brownies To Host Huge Westfield On Friday Night

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High football (3-3) has a dangerous one coming up this Friday night - Westfield High (2-4).

Last year, they fell to the Bombers, 28-14, at Bullens Field. All this week they have been working on ways to stop a basic but powerful offense. "They throw the ball downfield. And they have a horse to catch the ball," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted.

That horse is a 6'3", 190-pound tight end Rich Baker, who runs crossing patterns into the heart of a defense. "They run triple wideouts a lot," Vecchiarelli added. "That is going to put a great deal of pressure on our defensive backs."

Those backs, Brian St. Jean, Jason Daigneau, Scott Harlin, and Ryan Drobot will be tested in this one.

They have a 6'2", 185-pound junior quarterback, Phil Frost (5 TD passes). Agawam junior varsity Coach Dan Pryce, who has scouted the Bombers, feels Frost is the key to the Westfield offense. "He is a quarterback, running back, and a wide receiver. You never know where he is going to be. If you are not on your toes, he'll kill you," noted Pryce.

Then there is the brace of sophomores, Bobby Williams (5'11", 165 pounds) and Mike St. Jean. Williams had 188 yards last week in the Bombers' 18-7 win over Chicopee Comp. Westfield's St. Jean sneaks up on you. He runs back punts and kickoffs (a 55-yard TD punt return this year).

Their offensive line will be the biggest the Brownies have faced this year, averaging 220 pounds and anchored by 6'2", 260-pound junior tackle Todd Brodeur.

#### Basic Bomber Defense

The Bomber defense will show a 4-3 or a 4-4. They are basic on that side of the ball. While Westfield's defensive backs Sergio Bonavita, Frost, Williams, and St. Jean are hard hitters, they are not that quick, according to scouting reports, so this week the Brownies have been working on misdirection plays and their usual option offense to get into the secondary.

"We have Marc Pedraza back (from an ankle injury). He is a great blocker and will come from his tight end position for strong side help," Vecchiarelli said.

He stressed that if the Bombers blitz, they'll be in trouble because AHS quarterback Brian St. Jean is becoming more confident with the option every day they practice.

The Westfield defensive line will also be large, with an average of 230. The Agawam offensive line, which has been getting better along with their running backs, should more than hold their own. "Those Westfield defensive linemen work in a very structured defense. We hope the offense we'll throw against them will be to our advantage," Vecchiarelli smiled.

Westfield is 2-4 and 1-2 in the AA Conference. Agawam is 3-3, 1-2. They have played two common opponents - Holyoke (a 37-26 Brownie loss, a 7-6 Westfield loss, and Comp, a 32-14 Agawam win, an 18-7 Westfield win).

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### St. Jean's Big Night Leads Brownies Over SHS, 20-13

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High's 20-13 win over South Hadley last Friday night at chilly Harmon Smith Field was just the right mix of offense and defense for the now 3-3 Brownies.

Things started out the way they usually do, with senior Brian Gallagher (20 carries-75 yards) running between the tackles and quarterback Brian St. Jean exercising the option.

But on this night, they were playing a team which featured two of the better players in Western Mass. - quarterback Rob Adams and runningback Adam Baker. They came in with eight touchdowns between them in their first five games. Everyone had to step up.

Agawam got the ball first and didn't do much with it. South Hadley's shot at the pigskin saw the tone set early on. The Agawam defense was going to make life miserable for the visitors. It started out with the play of 6'3", 210-pound defensive tackle Mike Wood, with a little help from junior (6'3", 170-pound) Victor Romano. They visited Baker first with some hits that would have made his wisdom teeth fall out. Even though Baker gained 115 yards and scored on a 48-yard run, most of the time he was running for his life.

"We rushed five guys," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said afterward. "I thought they did pretty well." That was an understatement.

Besides Wood and Romano, Eric Pederson, Mike Lovely, and tri-captain Bob Fuller ran over the Tigers' offensive line so much, they resembled road kill when it was over. The linebackers filled the gaps. The Brownie defensive backs patrolled the hinterlands like birds of prey.

The guy who really suffered was Adams. "He has a strong arm," Vecchiarelli said. He could have had a howitzer hanging from his right shoulder. If there was a pocket for him, it was over in his coach's coat. He was sacked five times, but more importantly, was hurried on eight occasions.

In terms of yards, the Agawam defenders probably chased him all the way to downtown Springfield. He was on the bus, mentally, before the game was over.

#### Locals Strike In First Quarter

Agawam struck with 1:05 gone in the first quarter. They were bottled up on their own three-yard line with a first and 10. Junior quarterback Brian St. Jean called junior wideout Jason Daigneau's number. It wasn't necessarily a play designed for a score, just one to try to gain a first down. Daigneau went down and hooked to the

right side at the Agawam 30. He went up and got St. Jean's pass, a split second in back of the Tiger defender. Then it was a foot race. Daigneau was one tick on the stopwatch faster for the 97-yard touchdown. Make it 7-0, Agawam, after the kick.

That score was so inspirational for the Brownie defenders that it was like throwing 100 pounds of red meat in front of a pride of lions. Fuller, Lovely, and Alex Almquist led the charge. Linebacker Gallagher and defensive back Ryan Drobot were two of the main cogs in the blitz. It was a total war as far as Agawam was concerned.

St. Jean was the general on offense. There was 5:12 left in the half when he faced a big rush on the South Hadley 45. He dodged the bullets, stepped up, and heaved his second touchdown pass of the night to junior wide receiver Scott Harlin. After the kick, Agawam went up, 14-0. That was the way it stood at intermission.

If the Tigers thought the second 24 would be a respite they were mistaken, although they did manage to do some damage.

On their very first play from scrimmage, Harlin and teammate Mike O'Connor laid a vicious hit on Baker after he got a handoff that almost cut him in two. The kid did later score on that 48-yard run at 6:10 of the third. But the locals were well on their way to victory number three.

"Because of our defensive plan, we did give up a little in the middle," Vecchiarelli noted.

#### Brownies Get It Back

The Brownies got it back on the ground. Agawam was at the South Hadley 49, facing a second and 10 deal. They were running out of a double slot formation. They had to do that because tight end Marc Pedraza was injured. St. Jean (10-67 yards, 4-9, 168 yards, 2 touchdowns) started a roll to the left, had a notion to pass, but saw right down Broadway. No one touched him on his 49-yard touchdown run. That made it 20-7 and ended the scoring for the Brownies. South Hadley would get one more on a pass with 1:54 to go.

South Hadley tried an onside kick after that. Romano was there to scoop it up and this one was history. Vecchiarelli noted after it was over that at this point in the season, they should be 4-2 instead of 3-3. They might have a chance to improve on that record.

Their next three are at home against Westfield, a very beatable team, Central, a strong team, and undefeated Cathedral before the season-ender on Thanksgiving Day at West Side.



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# Sarah Nacewicz Tough On Defense For AHS Field Hoc.

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

One of the best defenders on the Agawam High field hockey team is senior Sarah Nacewicz.

Recently, she took time out to talk to us. She is 17 years-old and will be 18 next February 23rd. She has spent her four years of secondary education at AHS.

Sarah's courses for this year are general. Her favorite is a new one at the High School - entrepreneurship. "It gives me an idea of what it takes to go out on your own," she said.

Her favorite teacher is Arthur Gage in physics. Sarah plans to attend college at either the University of Maine or the University of New England in Portland, Maine.

"I want to be an environmental biologist," she said. That is an esoteric job by all accounts. "I like the outdoors. I can teach it, become a wildlife officer, or go into my own business with that kind of education," Sarah noted.

Her only sport at AHS is field hockey. But she used to swim. "I had to quit that because I needed a job during the winter," she admitted. But Sarah keeps busy in the spring as a manager of the AHS boys' lacrosse team.

Her most memorable sports moment came when she was a sophomore. "We beat a very tough Westfield High team, one to nothing," she said.

How about this season? They have always-strong Southwick High coming up at presstime. "If we play the way we can, we will beat them. Our record this year really hasn't shown how good we are."

About her favorite food, Sarah has this to say: "I love to eat just about everything. But I think the great pancakes my mom makes are the best. They are so good at any time of the day."

Her top color is yellow. Her wheels tend to a yellow, 1976 Caddy. "That's my car," she smiled.

## Could It Be Any Bigger?

We saw that monster in the parking lot after the interview. If it were any bigger, you could fit the entire AHS field hockey team in it.

She likes ice hockey as her alternative sport.

Old Orchard Beach in Maine is a favorite place to hang out. Her clothes run to the casual - jeans, sweaters.

Sarah likes all kinds of music, even country. Her top group is called "Bare Naked Ladies." (They are an alternative band - we guess.)

"My So-Called Life" is her top tube offering. "It's off the air now, but I watch the reruns," she smiled.

"The Princess Bride" qualifies as her top flick. "We watch it every Christmas," she said.

Dolores is her mom's name. Ed is her dad. She has three sisters. Rebecca (15) is a freshman and soccer player at AHS. Shauna is 21. Kim is 24.

She looks up to Kim. "She was the oldest and a very good person. I gravitated towards her," Sarah said.



AHS SENIOR SARAH NACEWICZ

How would she like to be remembered at Agawam High? "I guess for my car," was her answer.

Field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner has always said, in interviews, that Sarah is a strong player who doesn't get a lot of credit, but always contributes.

# AHS Golfers Place 2nd In Western Mass.

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, the Agawam High golf team came in second at the Western Mass. tournament, scoring 316 this time to champ East Longmeadow's 313. The Brownies, who were the 1996 Western Mass. champs, weren't happy with the loss, but Coach Paul Bachini was philosophical.

"We did well. Going in we thought 320 would win it. Our kids were in the tournament for the whole way. We were sitting pretty in the clubhouse when the East Longmeadow kid was playing his round. His name is Steve Alminas and he shot a 78. He made a great effort and did us in," said Bachini.

Alminas is the last golfer on the ELM roster, by the way.

Chris Rousseau, Agawam's number one player, finished with a 77, which at the Longmeadow Country Club, is seven over par. "I'm disappointed in my play," the former Western Mass. champion said of his 38/39 round. "From 100 yards in, it just wasn't happening for me."

Bachini had this to say about his blue chipper: "Chris wasn't hitting the ball the way he can. Things were just a little bit off-center. No one is harder on Chris than Chris."

## Two Qualifiers

Sophomore Andy Green shot a 78 from the number two spot for the Brownies. "All year long, he was our number four guy. He played steady golf in the tournament," Bachini noted. Rousseau and Green both qualified, as individuals, for the State Tournament, which will be held November 2nd at the Springfield Country Club. "It is the first time in the history of Agawam golf that we've had two kids at the same time qualify for the individuals," Bachini boasted.

Freshman Bill Menard had an 80. "He is very poised for a person so young. An 80 might seem high. But his 39.3 average (nine holes) for the season showed that he was right in the ballpark for him at this time," Bachini said.

Junior Shawn Biebel came in with an 81. He was clearly down because he missed some easy putts. "It was one of those golf days that every golfer has on occasion," Bachini noted.

Now it is on to the States. "Longmeadow Country Club is a place where you play for par and are happy to get one. The Springfield Country Club, though a bit hilly with some tricky greens, is a place where you can make birdies because of their par fives," Bachini noted.

He has great expectations for the States. "The Springfield Country Club is just around the corner. All we have to do is roll out of bed and we're there; no long bus trips or strange courses for this one. We've practiced and played at that place. It's a beautiful layout, with a practice driving range that won't interrupt our routine," Bachini said.

It might also be noted that it is about time the teams from Central and Western Mass. came out here to play. "I've heard the club is going to go all out as the host, opening up the doors to everyone who attends," Bachini said.

## Best Chance For State Champ

Rousseau probably has his best chance to be a state champion in this one. He's working hard to that end.

"I'm putting great. During Western Mass., I didn't three-putt any greens. My long iron game is solid. Off the tee, I sometimes go into the rough. That is something I have to work on. But I'm always going for the flag," Rousseau said. He has been working all this week at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. "I'll be ready for this one," Rousseau smiled.

## Need Win Over EL To Get Tourney Berth...

# AHS Girls' Soccer Beaten By Minnechaug In 1-0 Heartbreaker

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

"To this point in the season, we played our best game," is how Agawam High girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray described her team's heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Minnechaug Regional on Monday evening at Harmon Smith Field.

Indeed, it was a battle for 80 minutes. There were a couple reasons for the entertainment on a brisk night on the plateau. Both teams were chasing a playoff berth. Agawam, with a win, would be in. Also, the Brownies were looking for some payback. Earlier, in Wilbraham, they fell to the Falcons, 4-1.

## Great Passing By Both Teams

The passing by both teams was the best you are likely to see by either of these two squads. "We went to the ball all night long," Murray smiled. "You were intense and focused," she told her tearful troops when it was over. "Don't hang your heads."

The winning goal was scored by the physical Karisa Welz with 9:51 left in the game. Welz, one of the top scorers in this part of the state, hit the big one from the left corner of the box, 40 feet out

into the low left side of the Agawam net. "We marked her all night long. Sometimes good scorers just get a chance and they usually take advantage of it," Murray said.

Agawam had its share of chances, including forward Gina Loudfoot and halfbacks Amanda Tilden and Jen Lyman. Perhaps the prettiest was turned in by Lyman. At the 28:40 mark of the second half and with the score still at 0-0, she drove on the Falcon net in the left crease. She changed feet and shot from her left side as she was falling. Keeper Emily Butterfield made a spectacular save to keep the ball from slicing into the short side. Christmas came early for her. If Lady Luck had been over at the concession stand, the Brownies would have had the lead.

Agawam plays East Longmeadow this Thursday evening at Harmon Smith. They need a win to make the big show. Murray is confident it can be done. They beat the Spartans at their place, 1-0, in a tough one a couple weeks ago.

Agawam had 10 shots on net. The Falcons came in with 13.

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*Brownies Knocked From Tourney Berth...***AHS Comeback Falls Short  
As Center Booters Prevail, 4-2**by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team was knocked out of playoff contention Tuesday night, 4-2, by Central High of Springfield.

The game saw a lot of scoring and a little controversy. "We should have had two goals early on," junior varsity Coach Glenn Olson noted. Indeed, Agawam, which had beaten the Golden Eagles earlier in the season, 1-0, came out on a mission.

With barely a minute gone, junior forward Barry Ward launched a screaming grounder at the Eagles' net, which was stopped on a desperation save by keeper Sean Mathew. Another Brownies' shot went a half-foot over the crossbar a minute later.

The Eagles, fighting for a spot in the playoffs, got their first with 32:33 gone on a header of a right corner kick.

Agawam, behind Dave Thomas, came back. Thomas, a senior midfielder, just missed a diving header at the 29-minute mark. It had to be frustrating for Agawam because it just couldn't finish off any plays. But their defense, led by Jonathan Ashwell, sweeper Rich Rodriguez, and fullback Brad Theriaque, were keeping them in it. Then, with 22:27 to go in the half, another Central score from the left side of the box (40 feet out) put the Eagles up, 2-0. "We had that happen in our 3-1 loss to Cathedral by getting down early. That can kill you," dejected varsity Coach Dwight Northrup admitted.

**Good Passing By The Locals**

Agawam wasn't throwing in the towel. Brian Lopes, Dan Balboni, and Jay Flood advanced the ball with some good passing at the 19:30 mark. Again, the Central defense stepped up, clearing the ball out of harm's way. At 11:50, Balboni, Dave Federico, and Thomas led another attack with more good passing and some creative dribbling. The Central defense was there.

The Brownies were doing something all teams must do; communicating - which they did for the entire game. Even that didn't help. Central scored on a header off a left corner with 1:05 left in the half, which proved to be a real Brownie killer. In a 3-0 hole, things were getting desperate for the Brownies.

The half ended that way. Agawam had three shots on net. Central had four.

Derek Mercadante had been the Agawam keeper for the first half. Sophomore John DeCaro was in the net for the second 40 minutes. This one, at that point, wasn't going into Northrup's scrapbook. Nor did any fond memories come from a great effort by Ward at 37:30. He had a short ball on the left side and a shooting lane, but couldn't get his shot off.

In Ward's defense, he is a fast, hustling player who gives 100 percent every minute of the game. He wasn't happy when it wasn't happening for him.

Controversy came calling at 36:20. Federico had an indirect kick which was on, but saved. For no apparent reason, the Central keeper (Mathew), after making that save, grabbed Brian Lopes and pulled him into the goal, like he was about to beat him up in there. This all happened right in front of the officials.

It was an infraction that screamed for a red card to eject the keeper from the proceedings and a penalty shot for the Brownies. All the tender got for his less than tender behavior was a short lecture.

Further insult came after that. Central went down the field and scored at 33:57! It was a potential two-goal swing. Both Northrup and Olson were diplomatic afterwards. "Central is a very physical team," Northrup observed. Olson just shrugged his shoulders.



**AHS BOYS' SOCCER** Coach Dwight Northrup (left), and his 1998 senior captains - Jay Flood, Dave Thomas, Dave Federico, and Rich Rodriguez. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Brownies On The Attack**

Down 4-0, Agawam had to climb out of a huge pit. They went back on the attack and it paid off at 29:55. Lopes had a throw-in from the right side. Ward tracked down the ball, kicked it up, and Thomas headed it in. Agawam was on the board, down 4-1.

DeCaro was making some good saves, one at 26:55 and another 30 seconds later as Central swarmed the Agawam net. The Central fans were yelling that Agawam was playing dirty. They obviously had short memories concerning their keeper's conduct.

While DeCaro was working hard in net, Agawam was working hard for another score. It came with 6:23 to play. Ward, about the most frustrated guy on the field, had had enough. He took a nice pass from forward Umberto Santaniello and streaked down the left wing. He launched from 50 feet out and the ball banged the back of the net. A 4-2 score would be as close as the Brownies would get. They had three second-half shots for a game total of six. Central got off eight for a total of 12.

Agawam's record fell to 5-9-2, 1-7 in the Smith Division. They have two games left; at Longmeadow, Friday, October 30th and home on Monday, November 2nd against West Springfield.

The junior varsity played and beat the Central junior varsity, 2-0, before the main event. Josh Dickman and Aaron Gilbert got the goals. The junior varsity record soared to 13-2-1.

The freshmen also won, 5-0, under the coaching of Northrup, who filled in for frosh Coach Jeff Rousseau, who is bed-ridden with the flu. Their record is now 13-0-1.

*Field Hockey vs Westfield..10/27...***AHS Field Hoc.  
Battles Bombers  
To Scoreless Tie**by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team played one of its best games of the season Monday afternoon with Westfield High and came away with a 0-0 tie. It could have been different.

With 25:36 to go in the second half, Agawam seemed to have a score. The ball, off the stick of Patty Zerra, seemed to beat Westfield keeper Kate Aberdale to the low left side. It has been another field hockey defensive battle to that point.

So, you can imagine how pumped the Agawam faithful were when the ball rattled to the back of the net. But the officials ruled a no-goal. It was like sucking the air out of the Hindenburg, or maybe more like the crash of that gasbag way back when.

"That was definitely a goal. Those two officials are very good. I've asked them to work my games whenever they could," Agawam High field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner said.

The official said it ran up the keeper's arm. In a sport where getting a goal is sometimes as rare as winning the lottery, maybe you have to pass out a little leeway.

Be that as it may, both clubs played outstanding defense. The two had tied 1-1 earlier in the season, so a win was a possibility for either one. The Bombers started strong. Agawam's Gina Cellilli, Eva Donnerhack, Sara Prussman, and Danielle DeForge had to play some tough defense to ward off the attack. On the other side of the ball, Zerra, co-captain Heather Hughes, and Robin Przybyla forced the ball into the Westfield zone.

**Fast-Paced Action**

The action was fast-paced with both teams taking their turn at a possible score. With 20 minutes gone in the first half, the Bombers were getting the better of it, outshooting Agawam, three to zero. One player who was distinguishing herself was junior sweeper Sarah Prussman. She would figure in big as time ran out. Another was Agawam goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle. The junior made 10 saves, some coming on shots that were hit so hard, they were hard to see.

As the half wore down, the play became physical, which is not usual in the game. You see, Agawam needed the win and the two points, because if they have any chance for a playoff berth, it would be in this one - their next two games would be season-ender home and home contests against always-powerful Southwick.

The half ended 0-0. Agawam had three shots on goal. Westfield managed six.

The Brownies, playing well, had to be careful as the second 30 started. They charged into the Bombers zone, led by Zerra, Jen Harvey, Sarah Nacewicz, and Amanda Sternowski. It was shortly after that when the Agawam score was nullified. Dupelle made another beauty of a save soon after. Nacewicz was great in pursuit of a Westfield forward who had a breakaway, shutting her down on the outside left wing.

**Midfield Play With 10 To Go**

They went to midfield play with 10 minutes to go. Donnerhack had a tester on the Bomber goal with 1:40 to go. Then the play of the game came around. There were 30 ticks on the clock when a Bomber broke into the Brownie zone. She was all alone and bearing down on the net. Dupelle came out. Prussman was a little to her right. Dupelle went down five feet out. Prussman saw the shot was about to be fired. She leapt over Dupelle and made the save.

For her efforts, she got a big bruise on her right hip. It was, indeed, a well-deserved wound. "I wasn't going to let that ball go in. If Westfield had one, they would have gotten into the tournament. No way we wanted that to happen," Prussman said.

Agawam had seven second-half shots for 10 in the game. Westfield had four for 10. Their record now stands at 3-6-5, 1-4-5. The Bombers are 5-7-3, 1-7-3.

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**AHS Freshman/JV Sports Update**by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The junior varsity girls' field hockey team is now at 5-4-4. Last week, the young Brownies had a big win over West Side, 1-0.

Coach Kim Schofield noted that her team's passing has been exceptionally good over their last few games.

The junior varsity girls' soccer team had a win over Minnechaug, 3-0, on Monday night, October 26th. This victory raised the team's record to 15-2.

Meanwhile, the freshman ladies lost to the Falcons, 3-1.

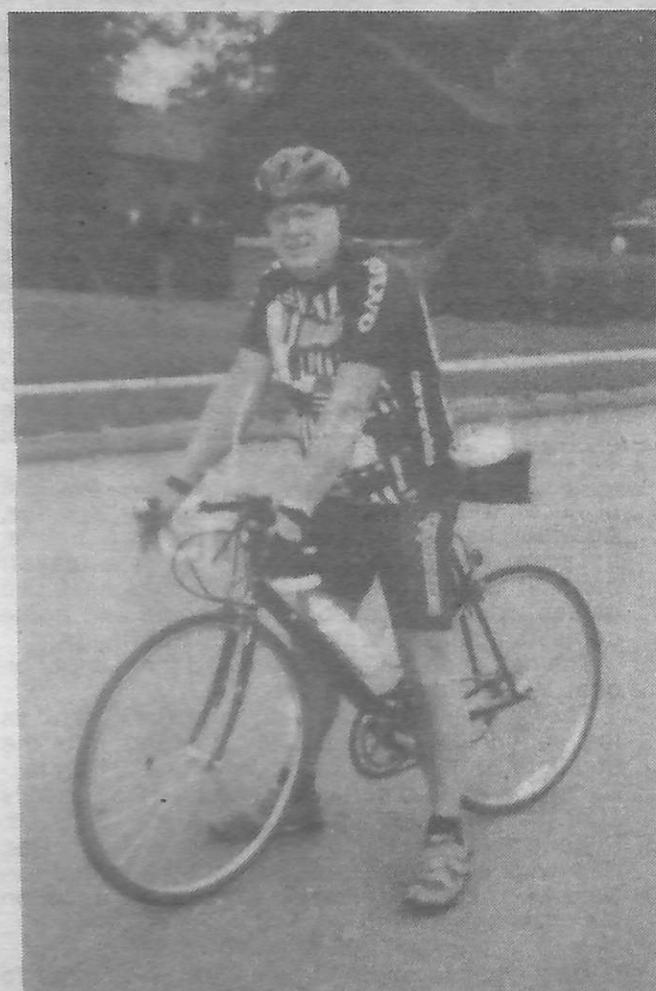
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## Agawam Little League Champions



WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR COACHES and parents, the Agawam Little League Minor Division (8-10) Rollaway Red Sox captured the division and championship title for the spring/summer 1998 season with a 15-1-1 record. Team members include, back row, from left - Coaches Dave Simpson and Ted Kopyscinski. Middle row - Steven Butt, Greg Santos, T.J. Kopyscinski, and Steve Carmody. Front row - Danny Masciotra, Bryan Shields, Drew Randall, Jamie Martin, Jeff Simpson, Jacob Kopyscinski, Peter Chlastawa, and Coach Rusty "Stu" Randall.



THANKS TO HIS BIKE-RIDING EFFORTS, Stewart Withee was the top Western Massachusetts fundraiser for the American Lung Association's recently held Autumn Escape Bike Trek.

### Stewart Withee Bikes To Raise \$1,800 For American Lung Assoc.

Agawam resident Stewart Withee recently raised over \$1,800 on a three-day tour of beautiful Cape Cod. Withee, along with 250 other bikers, rode 160 miles in three days, from September 11th-13th.

Withee was the top fundraiser in Western Massachusetts, who had 47 other participants completing the 14th annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek.

Withee, who is 69 years young, is an energetic, enthusiastic volunteer. His goal each year is to raise more money than the previous year, which he has.

In addition, Withee truly appreciates his healthy lungs when biking the hilly areas in Truro. Most importantly, Withee's bottom-line goal is the prevention of lung disease - be it because of smoking, poor outdoor air quality, or toxic indoor air in the home or workplace.

Withee is an outstanding volunteer who is unselfish, friendly, and focused.

## A.S.A. In-Town Girls' & Co-Ed Soccer Standings

| U-10 GIRLS            | W | L | T | P  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Maloney's Titanics    | 7 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| Marsh's Black Shadows | 5 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Olson's Golden Eagles | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Pfau's Mad Dogs       | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Brewster's Strikers   | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| Wood's Blue Jays      | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| Prout's Blue Twisters | 3 | 5 | 0 | 9  |
| Ruhl's Blue Marauders | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6  |
| Morace's Orange       | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4  |

| U-12 GIRLS                 | W | L | T | P  |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| LaValley's Green Vipers    | 7 | 1 | 1 | 22 |
| Lyman's Gold Diggers       | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| Rollins' Blue Typhoons     | 6 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Gould's Blue Lightning     | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7  |
| Morace's Red Dynamite      | 2 | 7 | 0 | 6  |
| Zmaczynski's Orange Tigers | 2 | 7 | 0 | 6  |

| U-14 CO-ED                | W | L | T | P  |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Fournier's Agawam Gunners | 9 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| Adams' Smashing Pumpkins  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| Heneghan's Blue           | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| Veighey's Green Monkeys   | 4 | 5 | 0 | 12 |
| Vinton's Gold             | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1  |

## Agawam Boys' Soccer Standings

| U12                     | W | L | T | P  |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Moysis' Bulldogs        | 7 | 1 | 3 | 17 |
| Sadowski's Attack       | 7 | 1 | 2 | 16 |
| Nawskon's Killer Bees   | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9  |
| Little's Fighting Irish | 3 | 5 | 2 | 8  |
| Prisby's Flames         | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0  |

| U10                      | W | L | T | P  |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Morassi's Rockets        | 8 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Goncalves' Agawam Spirit | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Kopyscinski's Blue Jays  | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Vershon's Blackhawks     | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| Parent's White Sharks    | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Gonyeau's Invaders       | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7  |
| Mongeau's Yellow Jackets | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5  |
| Lane's Blue Falcons      | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3  |
| Walsh's Orange Crush     | 1 | 8 | 0 | 2  |

## Agawam Soccer Assoc. News & Events

### New Board Announced

The Agawam Soccer Association held its annual elections on Monday, October 19th. The following were elected to serve for the upcoming year:

President, Dave Shaw; Executive Vice-President, Al Corbin, VP of In-Town, Mike Fournier; VP of Pioneer Valley, Judy Gonyea; Treasurer, Peggy Sterley; Secretary, Chet Comee; Director In-Town Boys, Jacques Wood; Director In-Town Girls, Dee Adams; Director of Referees, Dick Fay; Director of PVJSL Boys, Glenn Olson; Director of PVJSL Girls, Mike Obue; Director of Introductory, Dean Brust; Tournament Director, Steve Rollins.

The Association would like to thank the outgoing members Brenda Theriaque, Dave Costa, Val Douglas, and Jim Stevenson for their dedication to the children, the soccer program in Agawam, and the many hours of work that they put in over the years to make the Agawam Soccer Association one of the best and certainly the largest in Western Massachusetts. They will all be missed in the upcoming years.

### Dates to Remember

The Agawam Soccer Association has announced several events in the upcoming months of interest to soccer players, fans, parents, and grandparents.

Soccer Appreciation Night - a fun-filled evening at the Turnverein with dinner, multiple door prizes, and dancing, will be held on **Saturday, November 7th**. The event is open to everyone. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from any board member or you can call Dave Shaw at 786-0899.

Awards Presentation - Awards for teams in both In-Town and Pioneer Valley will be presented at the Agawam Junior High School at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, December 6th**. These awards are for those teams who finished first in their respective divisions.

### Pioneer Valley SIGN-UPS

Pioneer Valley teams should note that the league has moved up the date for final submission of all paperwork including rosters and player cards to January 5, 1999. In order to meet this deadline, the Agawam Soccer Association will be holding **two (2)** signups for Pioneer Valley players prior to Christmas.

The sign-up dates will be **Saturday, November 14th** and **Sunday, December 5th** both to be held from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. Pioneer Valley coaches will also have sign-up forms and parents can sign up with the coach at an time prior to the public sign-ups. The coaches will be responsible for bringing all the sign-ups to the library on time.

In the spring, there are several older age group teams (HIGH SCHOOL) that normally play. It is vital that these children also sign up. Failure to submit rosters by **January 5th** will result in not playing next spring.

### Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the ASA raffle were Chris Ryan (\$500), Kathy Monahan (\$250), and Richard Paquette (\$100). The money raised from the raffle goes to support the scholarship fund.

## Stephanie Fleming Scores Two More For Assumption Field Hoc.

Former Agawam High two-time All-Western Mass. field hockey star Stephanie Fleming scored her fourth and fifth goals of the season for Assumption College on Tuesday, October 27th, in an easy 7-0 victory over Franklin Pierce College.

Fleming, a 1998 AHS graduate, also scored for Assumption during a 4-1 victory over Keene State in another non-conference match on Thursday, October 22nd.

Fleming also has five assists to go along with her five goals, giving her a total of 15 points (2 pts for each goal/1 pt. for an assist) as a freshman.

According to the Sports Information Department at Assumption, these scoring stats constitute a significant contribution for a freshman member of an already strong collegiate program.

At presstime, Assumption is hosting St. Michael's College in the semi-finals of the Northeast 10 Conference Playoffs.

Fleming is the daughter of John & Sheryl Fleming of Feeding Hills.

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## Catholic University Remains In 1st Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

Although its players did not manage to overwhelm their opponents on the evening of Monday, October 19th, Catholic University did manage to retain its lead in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

CU's record as of that night stood at 17.5-6.5, followed by Holy Cross with its 14-10 tally. However, things are getting rather "tight" on the lanes (and when we say tight, we're not talking about the battle-of-the-bulge waistline of any particular bowler or the rumored "pursestrings" of some of the competitors).

St. Anselm's 13.5-10.5 is currently good for third place, and breathing down this team's neck are Boston College (13-11), St. Mary's (12-12), St. Michael's (12-12), St. Louis (11-13), Fordham (11-13), and Notre Dame (11-13). Consequently, a really good week — or, for that matter, a really bad week — for any of these foursomes could really shake things up in the standings.

Unfortunately for last-place Georgetown (7-17), a miracle (or two) will be needed to keep them out of the cellar for the remainder of the fall 1998 season.

The big winner on October 19th was St. Mary's with its 4-0 thrashing of St. Michael's. Holy Cross had fun with Georgetown (it figures!) and came away with a 3-1 victory. This 3-1 margin was also the end result of two other contests: St. Louis over Notre Dame, and St. Anselm's over Boston College.

Without question, the biggest surprise of the evening was Catholic University's 2-2 split with Fordham. No disrespect to the folks from Fordham, but local bowling enthusiasts probably expected CU to fare better than they did.

Once again, BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY led the men in scoring with his 183 single string and a 386 triple string. Coming in second for the week was "Scary" LARRY VIENS with a 139 single and a 370 triple, followed by "Luscious" LOU MULDER (132, 367), GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (130, 363), "Richy" RICH SNYDER (124, 360), RON "The Don" MENARD (125, 359), and "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (123, 336).

As for the ladies of the lane, "Testy" BETSY CANNON shined the most on this particular night with her 115 single string and 321 triple string. FLO "Go With The Flow" ROCHFORD was also impressive, courtesy of her 117 single and 319 double. The other great-rollin' gals were "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER (119, 315), "Juicy" LUCY MENARD (119, 310), TERRY "Tuff Stuff" CERPOVITZ (105, 304), MOE "Let's Go!" LYN-COSKY (119, 303), and BARBARA "Babs" JOSEPHSON (113, 202).

## Agawam Junior Warriors Defeat Springfield Lions

The Agawam Junior Warriors defeated the Springfield Lions on Sunday, October 25th, at Plumb Field in Springfield by a score of 18-0. Defense was the key to the Agawam win.

Right from the first offensive play of the game for Springfield, the Warriors set the tone. Defensive end Zack Bussiere sacked the Lions QB for a seven-yard loss. The first quarter was hard-fought, with neither team scoring.

However, in the second quarter, FB Mike Toto and TB Scott Santinello cranked up the offense with some great running. Also, wing Kurt Scheibel had a nice 25-yard run.

The Warriors scored just before the half, with FB Mike Toto going up the middle for three yards.

The Warriors started the second half on defense and they did not let up. Safeties Ryan Pellerin and Kyle Perry, along with LB Andrew Wakelee and defensive end Jon Gibbons, kept the pressure on Springfield. The Warriors scored again on a nice outside run by Wakelee.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Warriors had the ball again and Wakelee was on target to TE Zack Bussiere, who had four receptions for 75 yards and highlighted by a 20-yard TD completion in the end zone.

The offensive line (THE HOGS) — T Joe Digangi, G Jon Gibbons, C Anthony Bailey, G Jeff Walker, and T Sean Johnson — played an outstanding game, according to Line Coach Tony Toto: "They were awesome!"

The Junior Warriors will finish out the 1998 season this coming Sunday, November 1st, at 12:30 p.m. in Holyoke at Roberts Stadium.

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## Enfield Pontiac 400 Set For Halloween Weekend At Riverside

8 Division NASCAR Racing Program To Include Top Modified Talent

The Enfield Pontiac 400, set for Oct. 31st and November 1st at Riverside Park Speedway, will offer fans and competitors in southern New England one last taste of NASCAR Racing before winter sets in.

With qualifying taking place on Saturday, October 31st beginning at 12:30 p.m., NASCAR Modifieds, SK Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Trucks, Outlaw Late Models, Sportsman, Super Stocks, and Outlaw Mini Stocks will run features on Sunday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m.

The 28-car NASCAR Modified field will include Reggie Ruggiero, the all-time winningest Modified driver at Riverside Park, defending Featherlite Modified Series Champion Mike Stefanik, 1998 Riverside Park Speedway NAPA Modified Champion Jimmy Broderick, Featherlite Modified Series regulars Chris Kopec, Dan Avery, Jamie Tomaino, Ted Christopher, Carl and Charlie Pasteryak, and Ed Flemke, Jr. The total purse for the 100-lap event is \$28,800 and the winner will collect \$3,000.

Stefanik, of Coventry, Rhode Island, recently clinched the 1998 Featherlite Modified Series and the 1998 Busch North Series Championships, and is looking forward to returning to his roots. "I spent a lot of my early years at Riverside, learning my short track Modified racing," said Stefanik. "You learn quick or you go to the back." Stefanik earned his first career Modified victory at Riverside Park on July 12, 1980.

Stefanik will be driving the Space Fitters, Inc. No. 10 Chevrolet for the weekend, the same car he drove at Riverside Park on July 21st, finishing in 15th place. "I'm happy that there's one more race," said Stefanik. "We're trying to redeem ourselves from the open show (in July) and have some fun. We'll have all of our guns loaded."

Ruggiero, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, says he is also "looking forward to coming back to Riverside. It's a track I've always loved racing at." Ruggiero's last outing at Riverside Park resulted in a win in the Pepsi 200 on March 29th. Although Ruggiero has not returned to Riverside Park since March because of a busy Modified Series schedule, he is confident he will be competitive on the 1/4-mile oval. "It's like riding a bicycle. You never forget," Stefanik, Ruggiero, and the rest of the NASCAR Modified field will open up the eight-division program with a 100-lap feature at 1:00 p.m., followed by Pro Stocks, SK Modifieds, and the other five divisions.

Ricky Miller of Agawam will be doing triple duty over the weekend, driving in the 100-lap Modified feature, the 75-lap SK Modified feature, and the 75-lap Pro Stock feature. "More is always better," said Miller. "It should be a lot of fun." Miller, who has never driven a Pro Stock or an SK Modified at Riverside Park, said he is grateful to Eddy Carroll III, Joe Catania, and Thomas "Butch" Shea for giving him the opportunity to drive each machine over the weekend. "I just hope I can pull the car(s) in after the races with all the wheels on," joked Miller. Miller will be driving the same Pro Stock used by Eddy Carroll III over the course of the season in which Carroll captured his third consecutive Track Championship.

Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski added a special promotion for fans to follow Miller during the three races. Fans will receive a form as they enter the Speedway, in which they can predict Miller's finishes in each of the three races. The closest guesses will qualify to win a complimentary season pass for the 1999 season at Riverside Park Speedway. Another promotion at the Speedway will allow fans to enter to win a Winston Cup-style go-kart, courtesy of Wendy's Hamburgers.

Due to the heavy amount of interest in the two-day program, Riverside Park Speedway added an additional day of practice for all divisions. Friday, October 30th will be open for all divisions to practice beginning at 12:00 noon. The practice session will not be open to the public.

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A gorgeous Saturday greeted an army of bird hunters and their dogs as the second week of the season began. Stocking crews did a good job of getting the birds out and few hunters with dogs failed to score.

Grouse have been a little scarce in the areas I normally hunt, but there are woodcock in the alder wetlands.

Wildlife Management Areas are receiving continued pheasant stockings and mid-week can be a lot of uncrowded fun.

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Bass fishermen report that slow presentations are the key to largemouth success, with jig and pig combos producing in deep water.

Connecticut River fishermen are starting to take some nice perch at the mouths of tributaries, with some slab-sized crappies mixed in. Pin head shiners on small marabou jigs have been scoring well.

### SALT WATER

Reports from Point Judith to the Western Sound indicate that some large stripers are hitting off the reefs. Surf casters are scoring well around Quonny, Charleston, and Weekabogue Breachways, as well as the beach areas by the pink house and Watch Hill.

Three-way rigged eels drifted over the reefs at night had a big payoff on a recent night foray off the Watch Hill Reefs. "Embarrassed Fisherman" says that the biggest striper of his life was lost at the side of the boat this weekend.

Slammer Blues in the 15- to 18-pound class are murdering schools of bait-fish in the more popular spots. Single-hook lures should be used to facilitate unhooking and release.

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Tuesday, November 10th; Thursday, November 12th; Tuesday, November 17th; and Tuesday, November 24th: AAA Suburban Basketball practice, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 13th; Wednesday, November 18th; Friday, November 20th; and Wednesday, November 25th: ABO Suburban Basketball practice, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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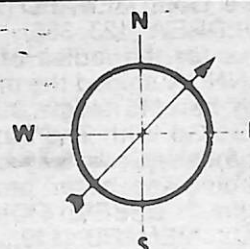
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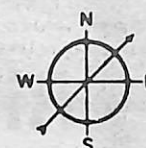
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**Fresh Extra Lean Stew Beef**

**\$8.95 (5 Lb. Bag)**

## Everyday Low Price

Land O' Lakes White American Cheese

**\$2.99 Lb.**

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Lay's Potato Chips

88¢ A Bag (Assorted Varieties)

*Fresh Koffee Kup Pastry (Fresh Daily)*

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Land O' Lakes White American Cheese | \$2.99 Lb. |
| Cooper Sharp Cheese                 | \$3.49 Lb. |
| Russer German Bologna               | \$1.39 Lb. |
| Canadian Imported Ham               | \$2.99 Lb. |
| Thumann's Gourmet Turkey Breast     | \$4.99 Lb. |
| Deutsmacher Polish Loaf             | \$2.39 Lb. |
| Carando Hot Ham                     | \$3.99 Lb. |
| Russer Low Salt Ham                 | \$3.49 Lb. |
| Fresh Seafood Salad                 | \$3.99 Lb. |

## SEAFOOD

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Frozen Swordfish Steaks            | \$3.99 Lb. |
| Down East Crab Meat (11.3 Oz. Can) | \$4.99     |
| Fresh Sea Scallops (Large Size)    | \$7.99 Lb. |

## PRODUCE

|                                                                   |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bananas                                                           | 39¢ Lb.      |
| New Florida Grapefruit (Pink)                                     | 3 For \$1.00 |
| New Crop McIntosh, Cortland, And Red Delicious Apples (3 Lb. Bag) | \$1.39       |
| Fresh Broccoli (Bunch)                                            | \$1.19       |
| California Iceberg Lettuce (Head)                                 | 99¢          |
| Fresh Turnip                                                      | 29¢ Lb.      |

## FROZEN & DAIRY

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Hood 1% Low Fat Milk (Gallon)   | \$1.97 |
| Hood 2% Low Fat Milk (½ Gallon) | \$1.19 |
| Hood Chocolate Milk (Pints)     | 49¢    |

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